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Autopsy report

An elderly man died of multiple internal injuries following an accident at the westbound off-ramp of Interstate 10 at Hwy. 603 Tuesday night.

The victim was identified as Paul H. Blake, 86, of Cherry Lane, Pass Christian.

Hancock County Coroner Norma Stiglet ordered an autopsy to see if a heart attack led to the accident, but pathologist Dr. Paul McGarry ruled he died of internal injuries.

According to Mississippi Highway Patrol spokesman Joe Gazzo, Blake's 1965 Chevy ramp stopped at the westbound off-ramp at I-10 around 7:20 p.m. Tuesday, and collided with a 1987 GMC truck driven by Martin Elchos, 32, of Kiln. Gazzo said Elchos was not injured.

HH baseball clinic set

Hancock High will sponsor a baseball clinic June 1-5, 9 a.m. to noon at HH's baseball field.

Registration fee is $50 per player.

There will be fielding, hitting, pitching and catching clinics.

For information contact, Andy Perniciaro, 255-4096; Mark Logan, 255-0287; and Joey Brockhoff, 255-3475.

Installation of VFW officers set

The VFW Post 3253, Bay St. Louis, and the Ladies Auxiliary will have installation of officers on Friday, May 22, 7 p.m.

Installing officers will be Johnny Richard and Lucille Durden, past state post dept.

TIDES

	4:37 p.	
	5:21 p.	4:19 a.
Wed.	5:31 p.	4:29 a.
Thu.	11:34 a.	4:18 a.
	10:40 p.	5:13 p.
Fri.	10:52 a.	2:35 a.
		5:45 p.

First line expected in October

Wellman Plant nears completion

BY ED LEPOMA

Like proud new parents, Wellman Inc. had an open house Wednesday to show off its new Pearl River Plant at Port Bienville.

The giant state-of-the-art $400-million plastics manufacturing plant is now 62 percent complete on schedule and on budget, and the first polyester resin production line is scheduled for start-up this October.

And, ever before start-up, Wellman's chief operating officer hinted strongly that there may be an addition to the Wellman family sooner than was expected.

Gov. Kirk Fordice was among state and county officials, Wellman customers, and the media who donned hard hats and safety glasses to tour the sprawling plant, which now takes up 45 acres of a 488-acre site on the northeast side of Port Bienville's Industrial Park.

Before the tour, Fordice spoke to the crowd assembled in Wellman's new Administration building fronting the plant, and said, "The beginning of production at Wellman's Hancock County plant will be a definite landmark for Mississippi's economy, a strong indication that our chemicals and plastics industry has reached a new level of maturity."

He predicted, "Wellman's presence in Mississippi will at-

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Giant plant

Wellman Inc. invited state and county officials, customers and the media Wednesday to an open house and tour of the giant plastics manufacturing plant nearing completion at Port Bienville. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Pickup cancelled

BY BETSY GAGNET

Waveland Mayor John Mason said a pickup truck previously ordered for the Public Works Department has been cancelled.

The purchase order raised eyebrows at a recent workshop meeting when Mason and the aldermen said they were unaware of the pending purchase until informed by the city clerk.

Mason said after conferring with aldermen and the city attorney, it was decided to cancel the order.

He added that the city is still reviewing the possibility of purchasing a used tandem dump truck for which the city has advertised, and the matter will appear on the next workshop meeting agenda.

Deputy: Domestic violence calls place everyone involved in danger

Editor's note: Sgt. Rita Blaize Watson, a veteran of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, responded to a domestic violence call here in Hancock County a day after two Long Beach officers were slain carrying out identical duties. The Echo asked her to write her thoughts about the sometimes futile attempts to push charges through the court system, and the danger law enforcement officers face each day.

BY SGT. RITA BLAIZE WATSON

If you listen to a police scanner, you will probably hear officers sent to a signal 79 (a domestic disturbance), second only to your hearing officers go to signal 3 (making traffic stops).

According to preliminary FBI statistics, in 1997, 64 officers were murdered in the line of duty, up from 56 in 1996. Fifteen officers were killed responding to domestic disturbance calls and only seven in traffic stops. Thirty-one officers were killed in the South, which is half of the total and more than twice as many as in other regions of the country.

Over the years, at various law enforcement schools and workshops, I have been told that traffic stops were the most deadly for police officers, but, as you can see, the statistics don't seem to bear that out.

I can't speak for all law enforcement officers, but I think it's safe to say that most hate responding to domestics. They are not only very dangerous; a large percentage tend to be a lesson in futility.

Let me give you a classic example of what happens: Officers respond to a 911 call with a woman and a man screaming in the background as their scared child tells the dispatcher that Daddy is beating Mommy.

When the officers arrive, they separate the two and then while trying to subdue the man, the woman starts hitting them "to stop them from hurting her man."

Even when the wife is the one who called the police, she will often turn on the officers when they arrive. Nothing unites people like a common enemy!

Sure, there are women who hit men, but these kinds of calls tend to be the minority. I'm not sure if there are fewer of these incidents going on or that men tend to be too embarrassed to report this.

Judging only by what I read in the newspapers and heard on

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AG to have final Pass Harbor say

BY ED LEPOMA

The state Attorney General's office will have the final say on whether Pass Christian can create a Harbor Commission.

For the second time, Mayor Billy McDonald was confronted at the Board of Aldermen meeting May 5th when he tried again to rescind the ordinance that created the Commission in 1990.

At an April 21 recess meeting, McDonald broke a tie vote on a motion to officially dissolve the seven-member Commission, which has not met officially since January.

But, when the motion came

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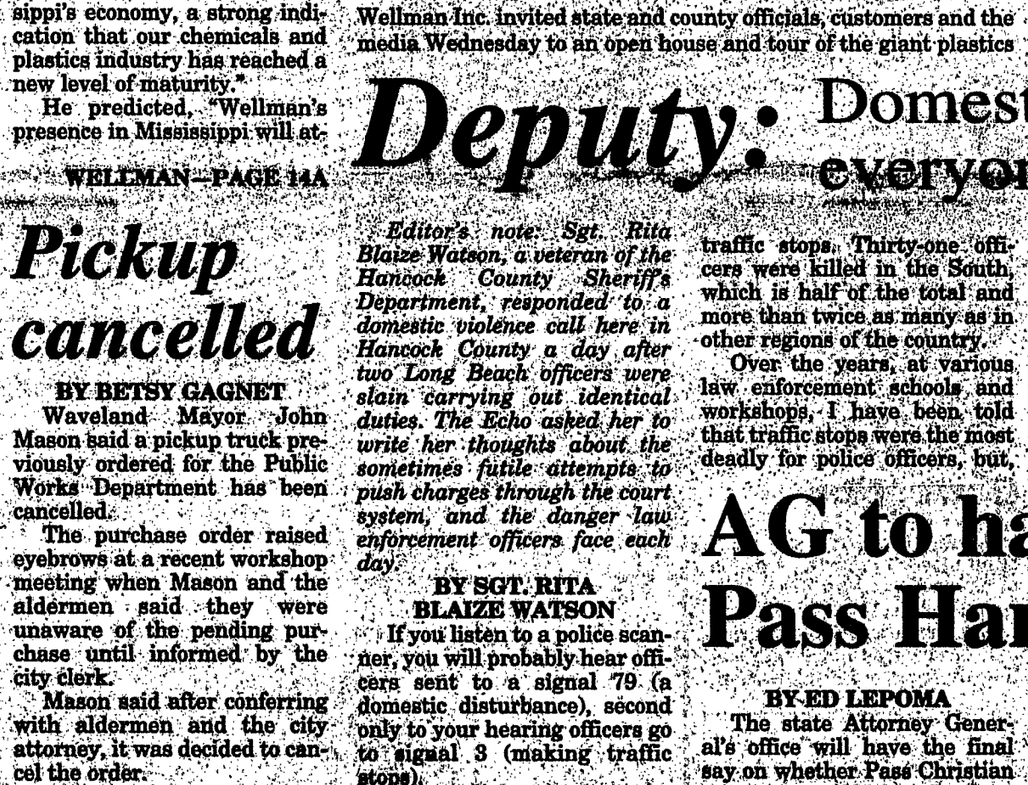

"Trucker buddy"

Henry Twiggs of Bay St. Louis stands by his 18-wheeler "Shazsam" as St. Clare fourth graders climb aboard to explore. The tour was part of a "Trucker Buddy" program in which students learn about history, geography and the trucking industry. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

Trucker buddy visits St. Clare School kids

BY BETSY GAGNET

St. Clare fourth graders covered their ears to block the blaring sound of an 18-wheeler's horn, smiles spread across their faces.

The horn came not from a passing truck, but from one parked in the school lot as part of a "Trucker Buddy" program, designed to teach students about history, geography and the trucking industry.

Standing near the rig was owner/operator Henry Twiggs of Bay St. Louis whose son, Sylvester, is a fourth grade student in Dotsy Drackett's class at St. Clare.

A truck tour was only one aspect of the program, which included a slide show of places Twiggs, who works for Hirschbach, visited while driving his route.

Every two weeks or so Twiggs delivers bananas from Gulfport to Minneapolis, Mn., where he picks up hair products to bring to California. In California, he picks up produce to bring back to Minneapolis. He leaves Minneapolis with meat, which he delivers in Louisiana.

"I shoot slides and show (students) everything from when I leave to when I come home," said Twiggs who has been in the trucking industry for 24 years.

"I try to teach not only geography, but history too," he explained. "So, I send postcards and when I come home, I come to the school to explain them."

Last Thursday Twiggs gave students a guided tour of his refrigerated truck, named "Shaz-

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PAUL H. BLAKE

Paul H. Blake, 86, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Blake was a native of Kansas City, Mo., and a former Commodore for the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a former member of the Pass Christian Yacht Club and a member of the Great Southern Club in Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Bertha Blake.

Survivors include his son, Lyndall Blake of Kansas City, Mo.; a daughter, Paula Beaver of Lenexa, Kan., seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

GERALD O. CORR

Gerald O. Corr, 67, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Corr was a Catholic, a carpenter in construction and a member of VFW Post 4808 in Lakeshore.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Owen T. and Lucille Synder Corr; two brothers, Willaim George Corr and Donald E. Corr.

He is survived by one brother, Robert Corr of Ocean Springs; two sisters, Patricia Corr Saucier, and Claire Bourgeois, both of Bay St. Louis.

A visitation will be held Monday, May 18, from Noon to 2 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Followed by a 2 p.m. funeral service in the Edmond Fahey Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

CORNELIA DOSSETT

Cornelia Dossett, 86, of the Caesar community, died Wednesday, may 13, 1998, in the Caesar community.

Mrs. Dossett was a native of Hancock County and was a homemaker. She was a member of Union Baptist Church in Carriere.

Survivors include her husband, Julius J. Dossett of the Caesar community; two sons, Troy Dossett of Florida and Ronnie Dossett of the Caesar community; a daughter, Jean Wactor of the Caesar community; a brother, Lloyd "Buck" Jones of Picayune; a sister, Lois Goss of the Caesar community; a half-sister, Joyce Booth of Jackson; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Picayune Funeral Home. Services were conducted Friday at Union Baptist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

ROSE GATLIN EVANS

Rose Gatlin Evans, 69, of Waveland, died Tuesday, May 12, 1998, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Evans was a homemaker and a Catholic.

She was preceded in death by her father, Maurice Gatlin.

Survivors include her husband, Robert Earl Evans of Waveland; two sons, Robert E. Evans Jr. of Milton, Fla., and Peter D. Evans of Dulac, La.; a daughter, Mary Mansfield of New Orleans; her mother, Loraine Cummins of New Orleans; and five grandchildren.

Graveside services were conducted Friday in Biloxi National Cemetery.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

IDA HITCHENS

Mrs. Ida (Darling) Hitchens, 86, of DeLisle, died Monday, May 11, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hitchens was born Jan. 28, 1912, in Bay St. Louis. She was a member of St. Steven Catholic Church in DeLisle where she was the musician and a member of the choir. She was a musician for First Missionary Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis and for the senior citizens. She attended Valena C. Jones School in Bay St. Louis and was a graduate of McDonald 35 High School in New Orleans. She was a piano teacher.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Christopher and Ada Robinson; three brothers, Christopher Robinson Jr., Arthur Robinson and David Williams; and six sisters, Beatrice Mott, Annie Davis, Alice Smith, Ida Ruth Lewis, Helen Tucker and Rosalee Eichelberger.

Survivors include a daughter, Diana Moten of Ladson, S.C.; a son, Nathan Birth of Biloxi; two sisters, Lillian Alexander of Biloxi and Ruth Davis of Bay St. Louis; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Saturday at St. Steven Catholic Church. Burial followed in Cedar Rest Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Richmond Funeral Home in Biloxi was in charge of arrangements.

ESTUS HOOD

Estus Hood, 91, of Pass Christian, died Wednesday, May 13, 1998, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Hood was born Jan. 5, 1907.

Mr. Hood was sent from Lockett-Williams' Mortuary in Gulfport to Westhaven Funeral Home in Jackson for services and burial.

JESSIE F. LIGHTER

Jessie Frioux Lighter, 87, of Pass Christian, died Monday, May 4, 1998, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Lighter was born in Baton Rouge, La., and had been a resident of Pass Christian since 1949. Mrs. Lighter was a retired office manager and had previously worked for The Postage Meter Co., Lighter and Sons Cotton Exporters, Photomaps, Inc., and Ridgeways.

Mrs. Lighter was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pass Christian Yacht Club and Friends of the Pass Christian Library.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William Anthony Lighter; her son, Bernard Edward Lighter; and her parents, Emile and Mary Edna Bernard Frioux.

Survivors include her daughter, Lynne Lighter Hoke; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Private services were conducted Wednesday at Trinity Episcopal Church and Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, 5100 Wisconsin Ave., N.W., Suite 404, Washington, DC 20016 or The National Children's Cancer Society, 1015 Locust, Suite 600, St. Louis, MO 63101.

JAMES L. LOVELESS

James L. (Jimmy) Loveless, 61, of Carriere, died Friday, May 15, 1998, in Carriere.

Mr. Loveless was a native of Picayune, a brick mason, and a member of Unity Baptist Church, Picayune.

Survivors include, his wife, Dovie June Boutwell of Carriere; three sons, Donald Craig Loveless of Picayune, James Russell Loveless of Carriere, and Jeffrey Scott Loveless of Picayune; one daughter, Angelia Elaine Powe of Picayune; three step-daughters, Vanessa Lee of Carriere, Debbie Fleming of Carriere, and Lynn Malley of Poplarville; one brother, Harrell Loveless of Picayune; two sisters, Janice Merle Meeks of Hattiesburg and Gloria Lee of Leetown Community; 13 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

A visitation was was held Saturday night at Picayune Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held Sunday, 2 p.m. at the Picayune Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. James Walter Hickman officiating with assistance from Rev. Allen Hickman. Burial will be at the New Palestine Cemetery, Picayune.

Picayune Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Lighting of remembrance candle ceremony set

A patriotic candlelighting ceremony to prepare Mississippians for the observance of Memorial Day May 25 will be held 2 p.m. Monday, May 18 in the Rotunda of the Mississippi State Capitol in Jackson.

Representatives from the Governor's Office, Mississippi veterans organizations, the United States Marine Corps, the State Veterans Affairs Board and local school children will participate.

The ceremony is an ongoing nationwide campaign intended to put "memorial" back into Memorial Day and is sponsored by the "No Greater Love" organization headquartered in Washington, DC.

The ceremony serves as a reminder to citizens of the ultimate sacrifices made by our nation's war dead and of the debt which each of us owes to those heroes.

Auditor speaks

State Auditor Phillip Bryant will be the guest luncheon speaker at the Hancock County Republican Women's Club meeting scheduled Thursday, June 4, at the Diamondhead Yacht Club.

A reception and hospitality hour begins at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon at 12:15 p.m. There will be a question and answer session following Bryant's address.

Reservations are required as seating is limited. The luncheon costs $17, and you can send checks to: Hancock County Republican Women's Club, P.O. Box 6382, Diamondhead, MS 39525-6000.

For phone reservations, call: 255-6717; 467-3602; or 255-8119. Reservations or cancellations must be made by June 1

Clarification

A woman's body found a week ago Friday nightt along the eastbound lane of Interstate 10 near Exit 2 in Hancock County was not a hit-and-run victim, according to County Coroner Norma Stiglet.

Stiglet said persons (whose names were not released) came forward and admitted to the accident, and told the Mississippi Highway Patrol they thought they had hit a deer. An investigation is continuing, Stiglet said.

Meanwile, she is still trying to identify the victim, described as a white woman, about 5-foot-3, weighing about 130 pounds. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's office at 467-5101 or MHP spokesman Joe Gazzo at 964-1314.

Correction

Johnny Richard is not state adjutant for the VFW as stated in a news brief Thursday, May 14 in the Sea Coast Echo. Incorrect information was submited to the newspaper for publication by the local organization.

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POLLWORKER TRAINING FOR THE REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION

Pollworkers will be trained for the June 2nd Republican Primary Election as follows:
Monday, May 18 at 7:00 PM at the Gulfview Elementary School in Lakeshore.
Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM at the Waveland Library
Wednesday, May 20 at 7:00 PM at the Diamondhead Community Center
Thursday, May21 at 7:00 PM at the Hancock North Central Elementary School
Saturday, May 23 at 9:00 AM at the Hancock County Courthouse.

There will not be a Democratic Primary on June 2nd as Representative Taylor is unopposed and will be the Democratic candidate in the November 3rd General Election

The Republican Primary will list three persons vying to be the November 3rd candidate for the District 5 seat in the House of Representatives. They are: Randy McDonnell of Biloxi; Dr. Karl C. Mertz of Long Beach; and Shawn O'Hara of Hattisburg.

Training will be conducted by the Hancock County Election Commission. Training in May will exempt those trained from retraining for the November 3rd General Election.

To answer your questions,
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Pro-Miss Leadership Development comes to Hancock May 19-21

BY BETSY GAGNET

This week is Hancock County's time to shine in the Pro-Miss Leadership Development Program, an educational leadership program sponsored by Mississippi State University.

Local residents Karen Frederick and Cecil Mills are participants in the program, and will host the local session which runs from May 19-21.

"Each person in the program takes a turn hosting," said Frederick. "It's not just in one location, we've been all over the state."

Ten three-day sessions are held throughout a 12-month period. The sessions include workshops, seminars, tours and demonstrations, each teaching about the particular host location.

Participants learn about economic, community and state issues as well as how local, and state governments operate, and how they can be accessed.

Pro-Miss activities in Hancock County will include a historical tour with guide Charles Gray of the Hancock County Historical Society, tours of Gulfside Assembly and Stennis Space Center, and attendance at a practice session of the St. Rose De Lima Choir.

Also on the agenda is a banquet at Casino Magic, where Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, Waveland Mayor John Mason and Hancock County Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar are scheduled to speak about "Our Town." Beth Carriere of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau will welcome visitors on Tuesday morning.

Frederick, who is employed as a lab technician at Dupont, joined the program as an individual. She said she has learned a lot about other Mississippi communities and that knowledge will benefit not only herself, but her employer as well.

"Your company and community benefit from you learning about different Mississippi communities and being concerned with economic issues and development," she said.

Statewide, Frederick said, the program helps in fostering growth, which will help dispel the stigma that Mississippi is a backwards state.

"That stigma is absolutely untrue," she said. "Especially here on the Coast we are getting a chance to show others."

Pro-Miss has been a learning experience for Frederick who said people need to learn about what they can do as individuals, and as part of a team, to make a difference in their communities.

"(This area) is a mecca of growth," she said. "We have to prepare ourselves and develop ourselves to meet that challenge."

Professional engineer test review courses set at Gulf Park

People wanting advance preparation for the Professional Engineer Exams may be interested in three courses available through the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast's Division of Continuing Education next fall.

The Electrical Professional Engineer Review course will cover areas such as transmission lines, fundamental semiconductor circuits, amplifier applications, power systems I and power systems II, plus rotating machines.

The course meets 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 20.

Instructors are from the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department of the University of South Alabama.

The Mechanical Professional Engineer Review course will cover topics such as machine design, stress analysis, kenematics and dynamics, thermodynamics and heat transfer, and power plant systems, processes and components. The course meets 5:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 1-Oct. 10.

Instructors are from the Mechanical Engineering Department of the University of South Alabama.

The Civil Professional Engineer Review course will cover areas such as structure analysis, steel and concrete design, wastewater engineering, environmental engineering and transportation engineering.

The course meets 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays, Sept. 3-Oct. 22.

Instructors are from the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department of Louisiana State University.

Cost of each course is $699 and includes the text and handouts. The focus of the training in each review is problem-solving.

The deadline to register for the Oct. 30 Alabama State Board of Engineering exam is June 15. The deadline for the Oct. 30 Mississippi State Board of Engineering exam is July 15, and the deadline for the Oct. 30 Louisiana State Board of Engineering exam is Aug. 3.

For information or to register, call (228) 865-4508.

Fordice announces sufficient term limit signatures for ballot

Governor Kirk Fordice announced the completion of gathering signatures needed to place the legislative term limits constitutional amendment on the November 1999 ballot. The certified signatures were taken to the Secretary of State's office Tuesday.

The initiative would only restrict members of the State Senate and the House of Representatives to two consecutive four-year terms. 98,336 certified signatures divided among all five congressional districts are required to place an initiative on the ballot.

"This accomplishment is a victory for the citizens of Mississippi. Accountable, representative government requires citizen legislators, not career politicians. We need term limits in Mississippi, because the power of incumbency is strong, and it is difficult for challengers to raise money and mount effective campaigns for the Legislature.

"In 1995, 89 percent of Senate incumbents and 94 percent of House incumbents who ran for reelection were returned to office. 16 Senators and 52 Representatives had no opponents at all. Not only is the playing field not level, but challengers are not even in the same ballpark.

"Recently, a Mississippi newspaper reported on the complex system of pay that allows legislators to be the only state employees to receive retirement based on their salary and expense money. The paper also reported that legislators on average make nearly $33,000 a year for what was meant to be a part-time job. Is it any wonder the majority of legislators are opposed to term limits and the initiative and referendum process?" said Fordice.

The Governor noted that senators have served an average of 10.5 years and representatives 10 years in the Legislature. Senate chairman have served 14 years and House chairmen more than 18 years.

Gov. Fordice was joined at a press conference by Representative Gene Saucier (R-Hattiesburg) and Dr. Randy Russell, who serve as state co-chairmen of Mississippi Citizens for Legislative Term Limits.

Fordice serves as honorary chairman of the organization. 20 states have enacted legislative term limits and 39 states, including Mississippi, limit governors' terms.

Frat director

Dotty West Farwell (Mrs. Robert W.) of Diamondhead has been appointed foundation director for Delta Gamma, an international women's fraternity which was founded in 1873 at Lewis School in Oxford, Miss. With approximately 165,000 collegiate and alumnae members, Delta Gamma is among the oldest of women's fraternities and was the first to establish a foundation. In this capacity, Farwell, who reports to a seven-member board of trustees, supervises the activities of four foundation chairmen and works with three staff members based at the international headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

To quote Governor Kirk Fordice, "Wow."

On Wednesday afternoon I had an opportunity, along with other media and customers of Wellman, Inc., at an open house, to view the new plant under construction at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

The plant is reported to be 62 percent complete with its first production line scheduled to come on-line in October.

To climb up the stairs of the massive structure, which is to manufacture PET (polyethelene terephthalate), one has to see it to believe it. It was not too many months ago when the site was nothing but a pine thicket.

PET is a product used to manufacture plastic bottles for such items as Cokes and Pepsi Colas.

It will be the largest plant of its type in the world.

The plant is not yet up and running, and Wellman folks are already talking about plant expansion.

The cost of the first phase is some $400 million, and one can see where a lot of those millions have been spent.

There are tons and tons of concrete, stainless steel, aluminum, very little wood, piping, motors, railroad, etc.

Tom Duff, president and chief executive officer of Wellman, reminded those in attendance about how the Wellman people working on the project will also operate the plant when construction is completed.

Governor Fordice offered many complimentary remarks about how great it has been to work with Wellman's leaders.

Huff, on the other hand, countered those remarks about how great it has been to work with Governor Fordice, the state's Economic Development Commission, Hancock County Port & Harbor Commissioners and Board of Supervisors.

The word "partnership" was mentioned several times by Wellman's officials and also Governor Fordice.

Pete Woodie, plant manager, reported there were about 1,250 construction workers now on the project. He estimated it will take about 2.5 million man-hours before construction is completed.

When the massive plant is completed, there will be some 269 employees. A bit over 200 have already been hired, and it was reported that some 90 percent of the employees had Mississippi addresses.

Wellman is training operators at the new Training Center which was recently constructed at Port Bienville Industrial Park. Wellman has the use of the facility for the next year, and it will then be available through the Port & Harbor Commission for use by any industry located within the county.

Wellman has 470 acres at the site, so it has plenty of room for expansions.

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So, as you can see, we have a tremendous asset in having Wellman locate in our county.

A second resin line is scheduled for production in early 1999 and a fiber line mid-1999 at the Port Bienville facility.

Wellman refers to the Hancock County site as its Pearl River Plant.

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Friday night will mark the third Hancock Medical Center Foundation's *Moonlight on the Bay* celebration.

This year, Casino Magic will host the gala benefit dinner dance at its new Entertainment Complex.

Proceeds from the dinner dance will go towards the furnishing the new woman's and children's pavilion currently under construction.

For information, or reservations, call 466-3391; or 467-0975.

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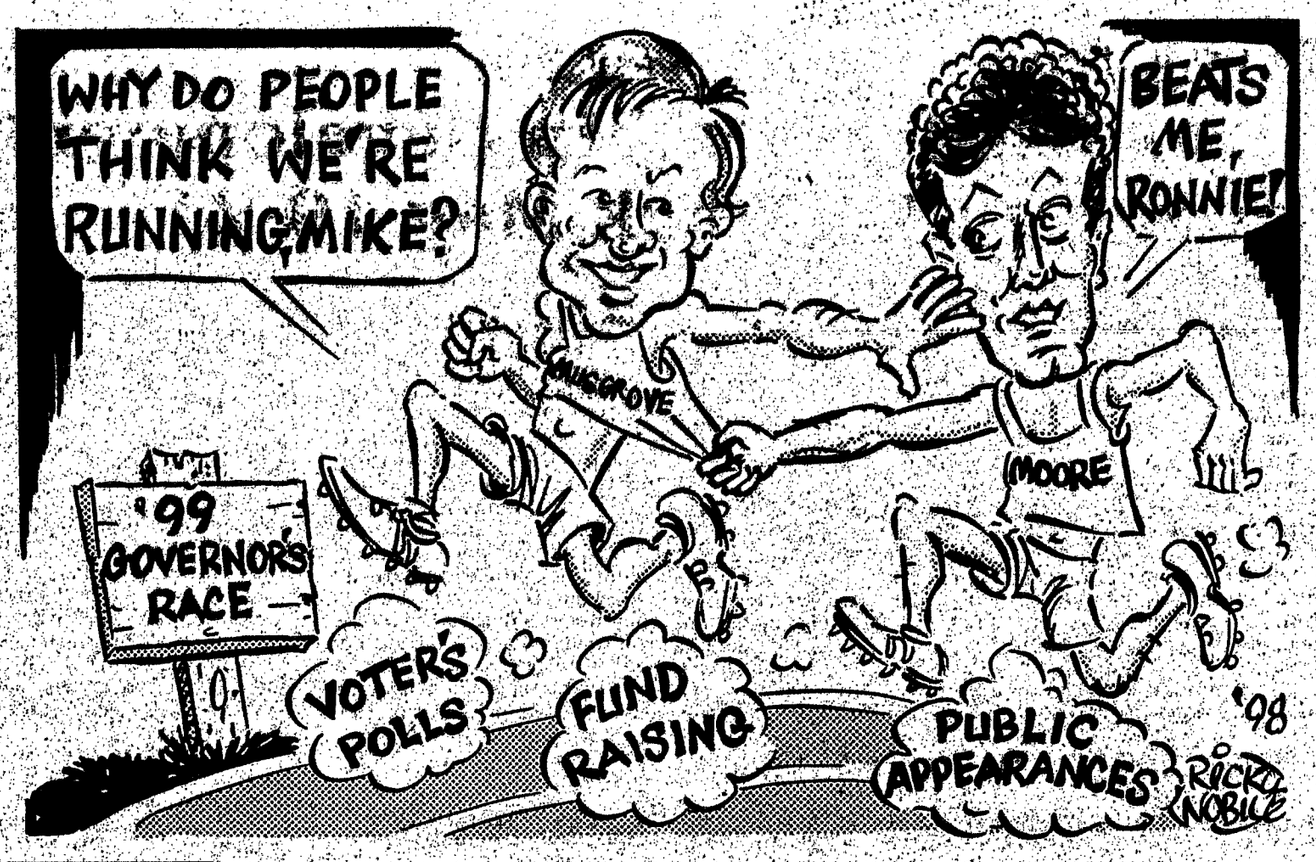


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Belle Isle land owner plans to fight for permit

To the Editor:

Thanks for reporting on our problem in Belle Isle Subdivision in Pearlington, which has been addressed at the Hancock County Supervisors meeting.

As of this date nothing good has happened. The people at the Health Department and Zoning Board say they don't have any answers, even though I have provided information from the Louisiana Health Department of approved treatment systems. Until county sewerage is in place, I can't hook up.

The people in charge at the permit board not one time notified us of any changes. They sold us a building permit, and we started clearing the lots, filling the land and driving pilings. In the meantime, they wrote me for taxes for the first floor elevation, but not once did they notify me of any changes.

We just kept working and building till we applied for an electric permit, then they changed a dreamhome into a nightmare.

Thanks once again for your reporting, so citizens who may want to build know that they may lose their life savings and dreams. We still intend to fight for what is right.

Joseph Pansano
Metairie, La.

BaySide resident says his complaint is about supervisors

To the Editor,

My name is G. W. Graham, and this letter is about the article the Sea Coast Echo recently wrote about the trailer in BaySide Park.

I was not complaining about the trailer, it was with the Board of Supervisors for passing a resolution last December to let people move old trailers off lots and replacing them with better ones.

It have no problem with people living in trailers. Three of my children live in trailers. I felt like the Board of Supervisors should have had a public hearing on this issue.

I'm very sorry if I hurt my neighbor's feelings, but their permit was an example. They had gotten a new one.

When I went before the Planning Commission for Mr. Pansano for a new permit, Mr. Willie Gavney and the Planning & Zoning Board turned me down. So, Mr. Pasano went before the Board of Supervisors, and they turned him down, too.

This man had $50,000 invested in his land, pilings, and the first floor of his house was established. All I want is for everyone to be treated equal.

It took over a year for the supervisors to pass the zoning.

I was glad that the zoning passed, because I thought some of our problems would be solved.

If we are going to change things, we should have a public hearing.

We have to change things in BaySide Park, because in another 10 years, this will be the only land left to build on.

G. W. Graham
BaySide Park

Technicalities

By State Auditor Phil Bryant

SCHOOLS

Q When the county tax collector collects ad valorem taxes due a municipal separate school district, should the taxes be settled to the school district or to the municipality?

A Such taxes should be settled to the municipality rather than directly to the school district. (§27-51-29 with regards to motor vehicle ad valorem taxes collected by the county under the authority of that section and Attorney General's opinion to Simpson dated March 10, 1998, for other ad valorem taxes collected by the county under an interlocal agreement with the municipality).

Q Are graphing calculators required to be capitalized as part of a school district's general fixed assets?

A No. According to page 6-12 of the *Financial Accounting Manual for Mississippi Public School Districts*, only five items are required to be maintained as "highly walkable items" (i.e., televisions, video cassette recorders, cellular telephones, radio equipment and projectors).

A school district may, but is not required to, adopt a policy whereby it chooses to treat graphing calculators, and/or any other items that it desires, as board-designated "highly walkable items" that will also be capitalized even though their individual cost is under the general threshold for required capitalization of $500.

MUNICIPALITIES

Q When should a municipal board start its budget process?

A Budgetary policy should be developed and implemented no later than May. See the budget calendar on Page 1-33 of the *Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide* (MAAG).

Q What forms must a municipality use for its budget?

A Those in Section 2 of the MAAG.

Q Must a municipality adopt its budget and keep its accounting records on the cash basis?

A Yes. Page 1-4 of the MAAG

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SENATE

By State Senator Scottie Cuevas

Death penalty, domestic abuse bills top '98 session's crime-related actions

The 1998 Legislature sent a loud message to anyone thinking about carrying a weapon onto school property — don't do it.

Anyone convicted of murder on school property faces the death penalty, as a result of legislative action reacting to the tragic deaths at Pearl High School in 1997.

Two other death-penalty actions were approved — to make lethal injection this state's standard method of execution and to set executions after 6 p.m., rather than the traditional midnight hour so that victims' family members could more easily attend if they chose to do so.

For years, citizens have said that criminals have more rights than their victims. In November, voters will have a chance to approve a constitutional amendment creating the "Mississippi Crime Victim's Bill of Right," thanks to more action by the 1998 legislative session.

Among the changes the amendment proposes are:

—Compensation benefits for crime victims.

—Victims must be explained criminal procedures.

—Victims must be informed about recommended procedures if they have been subjected to threats of intimidation.

—Transcripts of proceedings must be available to victims.

— Victims have the right to be present for all proceedings, including any where a plea negotiated with the accused will be offered.

— Separate court waiting areas for victims and defendants.

— Victims must be provided the date of conviction, acquittal or dismissal of charges against a defendant.

— Victims have the right to make a statement to the court.

— Victims must be notified within 15 days before the end of a criminal sentence or notice of medical release. In the possibility of parole or pardon, the victim has the right to be notified and allowed to submit a written or recorded statement.

Concerning domestic abuse, another new law will prohibit bail to accused offenders until they have appeared before a judge, thus allowing for a "cooling off" period. City courts also will be allowed to issue protective orders in domestic abuse cases.

Other crime-related bills gaining final passage will clarify that protective services for vulnerable adults apply regardless of [illegible] increase fees collected to pay toward community [illegible] to pay court costs and [illegible] earned time for filing frivolous lawsuits; and create a felony offense for possession of a stolen firearm. More frequent drug [illegible]

Felony prosecution also was approved against a person who closes a bank account before all the checks clear. Penalties and jail time were increased on a first felony conviction for fraudulent use of identification cards.

Approval was given for an adult prison in Tallahatchie County. A work program also was authorized for juvenile offenders. Lawmen were allowed to carry firearms into courthouses, and county jailers were provided more training.

To assist law enforcement efforts, authority was granted for local and state law officers to be loaned to each other for drug enforcement. The Bureau of Narcotics also was given authority to subpoena business records, and wire-tapping statutes were amended to include cellular and mobile phones.

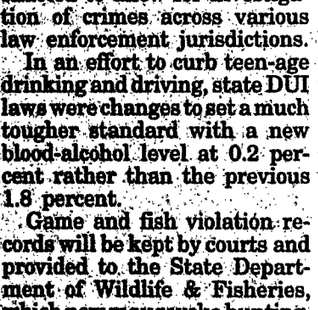
The State Grand Jury was reenacted to allow for investigation of crimes across various law enforcement jurisdictions.

In an effort to curb teen-age drinking and driving, state DUI laws were changes to set a much tougher standard with a new blood-alcohol level at 0.2 percent rather than the previous 1.8 percent.

Game and fish violation records will be kept by courts and provided to the State Department of Wildlife & Fisheries, which now may revoke hunting, trapping or fishing privileges because of those violations.

A statewide public defender system was established to provide more consistent legal representation for persons who cannot afford it, along with the potential financial savings to our counties. Possession of a stolen firearm was declared a felony.

In other crime-fighting measures, placement of young offenders in a youths-only prison in Walnut Grove was given the go-ahead; support continued for the Youth Challenge Program for at-risk young people; and the legal age of sexual consent was raised to 16 in an effort to prevent teen pregnancy and to deter older persons from preying on youths.



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Pass water well on brink

BY ED LEPOMA

The pump on the well that serves The Village condominiums at Henderson Point went out Wednesday, but there is no interruption in water service to the area.

Mayor Billy McDonald called an emergency meeting of the Board of Aldermen Wednesday afternoon, and after getting two quotes, the Board voted to hire Lyman Well Co., of Gulfport to repair the well.

Engineering consultant John Campton of Garner Russell and Associates of Gulfport reported that W.P.S.C.O., the local utility company that now monitors the city's water supply from three wells, examined the pump at the condo complex and has verified the pump is badly worn and needs replacing.

"The drive shaft and bearings which run the pump needs replacing, and one section of the pump column requires replacement," said Campton.

Although The Village well is the smallest serving the city, Campton said it is important to keep it in service in the event another well might go out, because the city might not be able to keep up with water demand, especially during a summer drought.

Lyman offered to repair the pump for $5,318, and a spokesman said it had to be ordered and it would be three to four weeks before it arrived.

In the meantime, The Village is being served with water from the city's elevated water tower nearby.

Idle well

The Pass Christian Board of Aldermen let an emergency contract Wednesday to replace the pump on the well that serves The Village condominiums at Henderson Point. In the meantime, the area is being served water from an elevated tank, and there is no interruption in service. (Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Bay Police to observe Buckle Up America Week

The Bay St. Louis Police Department will be participating in the 1998 Air Bag Safety Campaign.

Operation ABC '98 takes place in conjunction with Buckle Up America Week May 18-25.

Throughout the week, law enforcement officers in Mississippi and across the country will hit the streets with a simple but critical message: the law requires that all children must be properly buckled up at all times. No exceptions. No excuses.

The Bay St. Louis Police Department wil have extra patrol during this time period. Officers will be doing check points at and around our local schools, handing out literature and insuring that children and adults are using their seat belts and using them properly.

There will be increased patrol during this time for both the ABC Week and The Memorial Day weekend.

Why? Almost six out of 10 children killed in crashes are unbuckled, which means many of these deaths were totally preventable. More children die in automobile crashes in Mississippi than by any other cause.

In Mississippi and in every state, it is illegal for children to ride unrestrained, yet in four out of 10 cases, drivers don't restrain their child passengers.

It is our responsibility, as law enforcement officers, to protect innocent children by stepping up enforcement of child passenger safety laws.

Why more enforcement? Experience shows that education alone is not enough to ensure that drivers buckle up children. Despite widespread public education campaigns, a full 40 percent of children continue to ride unbuckled. And, adult seat belt use is a critical factor in child safety.

Crash studies show that if an adult driver is unbelted, 70 percent of the time children riding in that vehicle will be unbelted, too. Stepped up, high visibility enforcement of child passenger safety laws is a proven method to save lives; in states that have conducted this kind of enforcement, seat belts and child safety seat use has increased.

That is why the Bay St. Louis Police Department will join the Air Bag & Seat Belt Safety Campaign — a national coalition of safety advocates, law enforcement agencies, medical associations, children's organizations and businesses — for Operation ABC '98 during Buckle Up America Week, May 18-25.

Contestants sought for Miss Chamber

The Hancock Chamber of Commerce is seeking young ladies, 18-22 (by July 30) to enter the Miss Hancock Chamber contest.

Those interested must be residents of Hancock County, and their parents/guardians must also be residents of Hancock County. They must never have been married or have children and be in good health.

Applicants must also have a scholastic average of 2.5 for the last semester completed and must never have competed in a statewide Miss Hospitality Pageant.

The winner will represent the Chamber and Hancock County in various events throughout the year, including the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo and will be eligible to participate in the Mississippi Miss Hospitality Pageant in July in Hattiesburg.

Applications are available from the Chamber Office at 412 Hwy. 90, Suite 6, Colonial Plaza. The application fee is $10, and all completed applications should be returned to the Chamber by Friday, May 22, along with a 5x7 photograph and the application fee.

For information, contact the Chamber at 467-9048.

Artists honored

Bay St. Louis artists Carrie Da Vaet and Jeanne Warner were among those selected by Paul Richelson, Mobile Museum's chief curator, for the annual May exhibit sponsored by the Laurel Art League.

Warner's pastel, "Tranquility," received a purchase award.

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Farm leader praises EPA

Mississippi cotton farmers who planted BXN varieties of genetically modified cotton seed received an early Christmas present when the EPA approved the reintroduction of BUCTRIL herbicide as a broadleaf weed control.

The reintroduction of this herbicide reverses a decision the agency made last December.

The latest decision is based on the submission of additional scientific information that showed the use of BUCTRIL on BXN cotton did not compromise human health or the environment.

David Waide, president of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, praised the EPA's actions. Waide had been working with other cotton producers and cotton organizations in seeking EPA's approval.

"This is very positive development for our state's cotton industry and the cotton producers who had purchased and planted BXN varieties of cotton seed," Waide said. "I want to compliment all those individuals and others involved in cotton production who worked tirelessly to seek EPA approval.

It was always our contention that BUCTRIL's use on BXN cotton was not a health hazard and we felt that once EPA applied sound scientific reasoning in making a decision, the approval would be given."

BXN varieties of cotton seed, which are sold by Stoneville Pedigreed Seed Co., have been specifically modified for use with BUCTRIL for controlling a variety of broadleaf weeds that rob cotton yields.

Phone-Pulene Ag Company, the manufacturer of BUCTRIL, has indicated that in field trials it has been demonstrated that the product's use on BXN cotton could reduce overall herbicide use by 15 percent through replacing multiple sprays of other herbicide products.

Drum major, guard camp to be at USM

The University of Southern Mississippi will host a drum major and guard camp July 12-17 for students who are entering grades 8-12.

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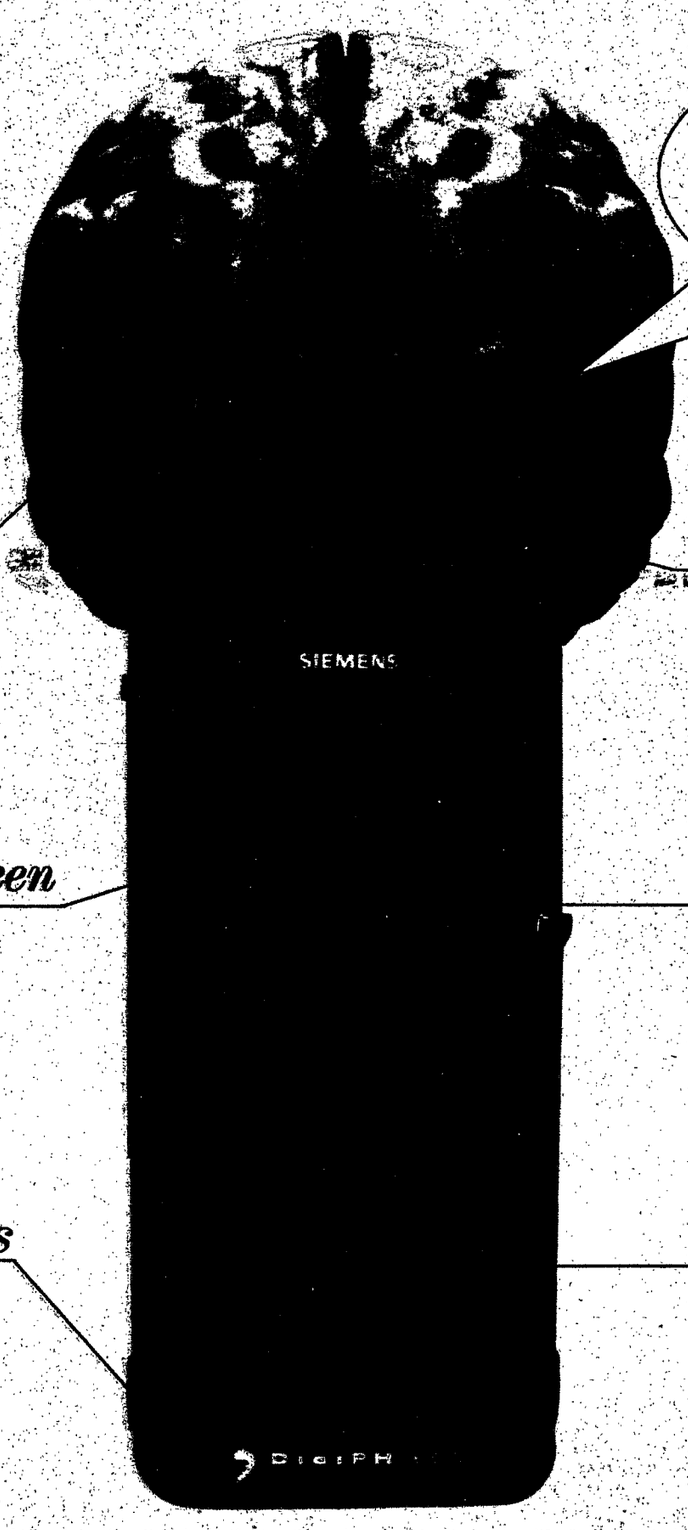

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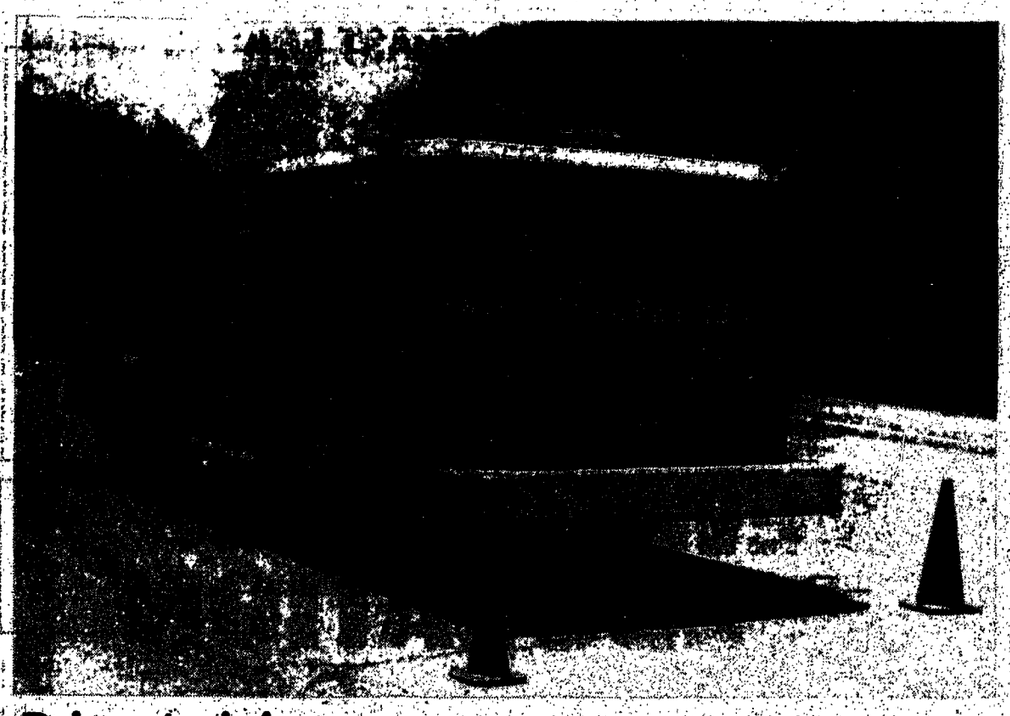

Driver training

The Waveland Fire Department recently conducted its annual emergency vehicle driver training course on an obstacle course set up in the parking lot of Buccaneer State Park. The course tested drivers in driving manuevers around and through cones set up in various configurations. Waveland firefighters are required to attend and successfully complete 28 hours of driver training annually, including classroom instruction and the driving obstacle course. The goal of the program is "Alive on Arrival."

Registration to begin for summer reading program

Wild About Hancock County will be the theme for the Hancock County Library System's 1998 Summer Reading Program.

Registration will be Monday, June 1, according to David Woodburn, library system public service coordinator.

Open to children and young adults, pre-school age through eighth grade, pre-registration will run through Saturday, June 6, with program and activities beginning Tuesday, June 9.

Programs will be held Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Kiln Library, Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Waveland Library Literacy Center.

Each participant will receive a reading record, book bag and pencil with which to record books read, and those who complete the program will receive a certificate. Awards will be presented the week of July 6. A library card is required to check out all books. Books may be checked out all all three branches of the library system.

To register, children should go the library branch nearest them and then visit at least four times and check out at least six books between June 1 and 25.

To validate each visit, each reading record must be stamped. Merit stamps will be presented for every five books read beyond the basic goal of six books. Children will be allowed to register through June 25.

Some of this year's programs include martial arts demonstrations, wildlife presentations, storytellers, a tour of a firetruck and much more.

For information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282; Sandra Ladner, Kiln Library, 255-1724; or Evelyn Necaise, Waveland Library Literacy Center, 467-9240.

NASA's Remote Sensing aids in MDOT planning

The Commercial Remote Sensing Program (CRSP) at Stennis recently used its comprehensive remote sensing capabilities to demonstrate the use of remote sensing in highway routing for the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The highway, a connecting route between Hernando, Miss. and Collierville, Tenn., is still in the planning phase, but through the use of remote sensing, the time needed for planning may be significantly reduced while the quality of the route may be increased.

Remote sensing is the observation of the surface of the Earth from distant vantage points, usually from sensors mounted on aircraft or satellites. The images gathered by the sensors are used to make detailed maps of selected study areas.

The remotely sensed images gathered for the MDOT project were used to form a highly accurate, digital map database used to determine the best route for a highway. By having an overall view of the proposed route, planners can determine what transportation infrastructure, buildings, industrial facilities, water bodies, farmlands, forests, wetlands and geological features are present.

"The success of this model demonstrates the usefulness of remote sensing in the planning of roadways and other elements of our transportation infrastrcuture," said Tom Stanley, aerospace technologist with the CRSP office at Stennis.

"Transportation projects using this technology will be implemented quicker at less cost to the public. It can also balance environmental and other considerations that can cause enormous delays to the project."

The project began in Oct. 1997, when the Mississippi Department of Transportation visited Stennis and viewed a demonstration of possible applications of remote sensing for transportation issues.

Richard Campanella, as part of Lockheed Martin Stennis Operations, was a member of the team that worked on the project.

"They (MDOT) were interested in researching new techniques to do their job better," Campanella said. "NASA was interested in extending remote sensing technology to the state agencies for the benefit of the state."

After meeting with MDOT engineers who outlined their requirements, a prototype model was designed to help select the optimal highway route. Campanella, working with Jim Johnson of ITD, took the engineers' requirements, and transformed them into data sets that would be integrated into a Geographic Information System, or GIS model.

This provided an analysis and visualization tool that allowed viewing and modeling of the 20-mile by 5-mile area.

The model contained about a dozen layers of criteria that influence route planning: utility corridors, civic structures, natural deposits, water bodies, flood zones, homes and businesses, wetlands and farmlands.

One advantage that remote sensing presents in transportation planning is the reduction in time. By doing the preliminary planning with the computer model, what used to take at least a year can now take as little as a few months.

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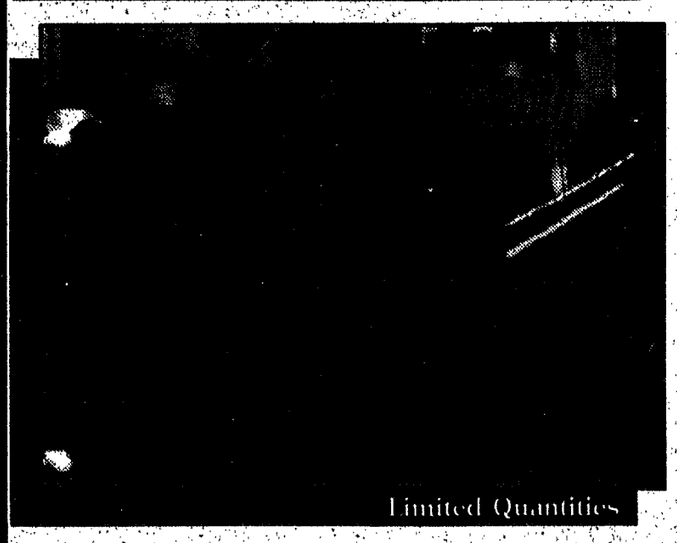

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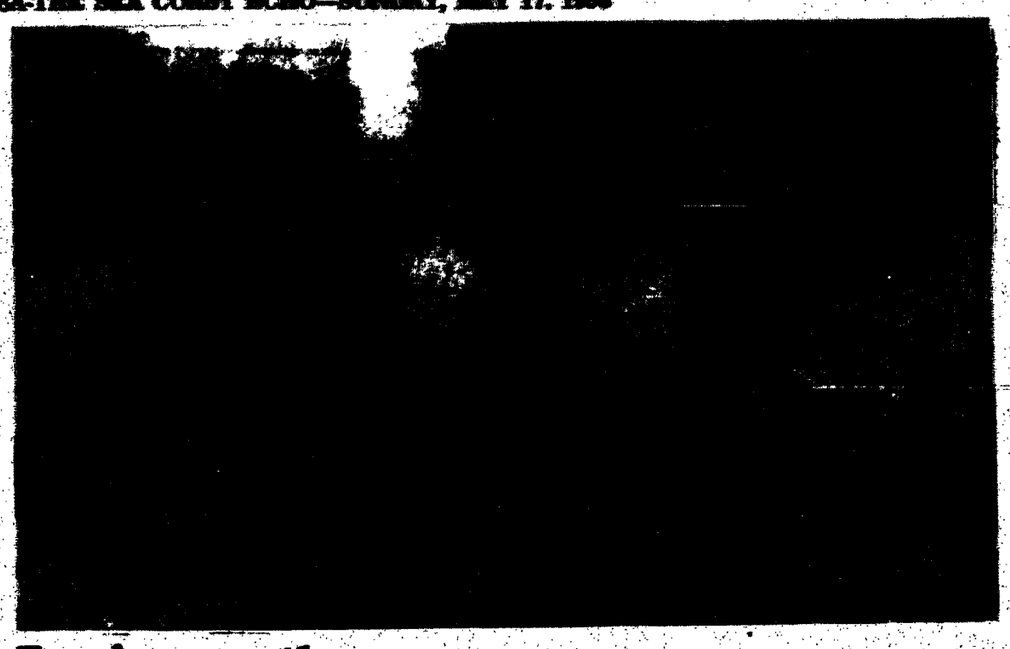

Touring courthouse

Students from Our Lady Academy's 11th and 12th grades recently toured the Hancock County Courthouse and got a lesson on how government works from Board of Supervisors' secretary Terry Guenard (center) and District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward (at doorway). Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma)

Deputy - Dangerous job

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the news, the case where the three Long Beach officers were shot and two died along with the perpetrator, the young woman did make an ongoing serious effort to deal with the perpetrator. She filed complaints, signed charges, and she got a restraining order.

In most domestic cases that I respond to, however, the victims do not follow through. Often, even though they may be seriously injured, they do not want their husband or boyfriend arrested.

Thanks to the Domestic Violence Law that was passed several years ago, officers can still make arrests even if the victim doesn't want the assailant arrested. We have a form that the victim can sign stating whether they want an arrest or not. That covers the officers from getting sued if the victim does not show up for the trial. Not always, but most often the victim and the perpetrator have kissed and made up long before the trial.

Even when the woman is very angry and she signs the form stating she wants the man arrested, she will not go to Justice Court to sign the affidavit within the next few days like she is supposed to do, and the officer who made the arrest has to show up, too.

Very often the woman will come bond the man out of jail. Then she will not show up for court if there is a trial. The cases are often dismissed if the officer did not witness the actual beating or disturbance. Sure, we can tell the judge that the woman said the man beat her, but that is hearsay evidence and not admissible in criminal court. The man has the right not to say anything that would incriminate him.

Often, if there are no marks on either person involved in the domestic complaint, and neither wants the other arrested, I will not make an arrest. It is a waste of time for me and the already over-burdened court system. If I have to go back to the same place more than once, however, then I might take both of them to jail.

The day after the officers in Long Beach were shot, I was sent to a domestic, and the woman on 911 told the dispatcher that the man had a sawed-off shot gun. He was leaving the residence in a truck as I approached. My heart was in my throat as I made him get out of the truck and thoroughly checked it for weapons. There were none. He actually had several guns and knives, but they were at his home a couple of miles away.

I hate it when the victims lie, and this often happens because they want to make sure the police are on their side. I hate to think what would have happened if the man had gotten out of the truck with a soft drink can or anything else in his hand. My adrenaline was pumping pretty good at the time.

The man did not go to jail for disturbance of his family. The domestic violence form was signed, but it remains to be seen if the woman will show up for court and if the man is found guilty, because I did not witness the disturbance. (It was recorded over the 911 system, but I cannot prove who said what to whom). At least with the forms signed, I cannot be sued for false arrest.

You've probably heard of the battered woman's syndrome, and that is when professional counseling, friends, family and support groups should come into the picture.

If counseling fails, the only logical step is for the woman to remove herself from the violent household. Financial reasons are often cited for not doing so, but that is no reason to remain in a dangerous situation. There is help available, thanks to women like Jane Philo at the Battered Woman's Shelter.

A lot of women rightfully feel they shouldn't leave their homes, the man should. After all, he is the one causing the problems. In that case, she needs to get an attorney, get divorce proceedings underway, and get a court order to get him out of the house. The police can't just go to a man's house and order him out without a court order. Sometimes we give him a choice to leave until things cool down or go to jail, but that is only a temporary fix for a few hours.

I have told people who have children, and are often involved in domestics, that I will report them to the Department of Human Services. Their fighting is having a terrible effect on their children, and they will grow up to continue the circle of violence.

Domestic violence is [illegible] of those situations where you just pay your taxes and have the police clean up your messes. People often like to use law enforcement as a weapon against those they are angry with, then when they cool down they want to weasel out of the situation.

Officers must respond to every complaint of domestic violence, take reports, sometimes make arrests and go to court. As difficult as it may see, women must begin to take responsibility for their own lives and take care of themselves.

Summer institute set at Ole Miss campus

The Croft Institute for International Studies at the University of Mississippi is keeping its promise to strengthen international studies in the K-12 curricula by offering a week-long summer institute at the Oxford campus.

"Implementing International Studies into the Curriculum" will be held July 12-17 and provide three semester hours of academic credit or 4.0 CEU credits.

Tuition is $333 for participants receiving academic credit, and $195 for CEU credit participants. Ten scholarships will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

"We hear that the earth is shrinking and increasingly becoming a global society. This concept needs to be developed into the current K-12 curricula," said Dr. Jean M. Shaw, a professor in the Ole Miss School of Education who will facilitate the residential institute.

Professionals from the Mississippi Council on Economic Development, as well as faculty from the Ole Miss history, sociology, biology and political science departments will participate in what Shaw calls a "very interdisciplinary" program.

Participants must commit themselves to full involvement in a rigorous and stimulating academic program.

Educators will become familiar with up-to-date printed, electronic and multimedia resources on the program topics global environmental change, international trade, world population, the United States' role in the post-Cold War society, human rights issues and international perspectives on fine arts.

The educational event is being coordinated by the Ole Miss Institute for Continuing Studies.

Participants seeking academic credit must be admitted to the university's graduate school and should contact Tiffany Curtis at (601) 232-7282 for an application or information.

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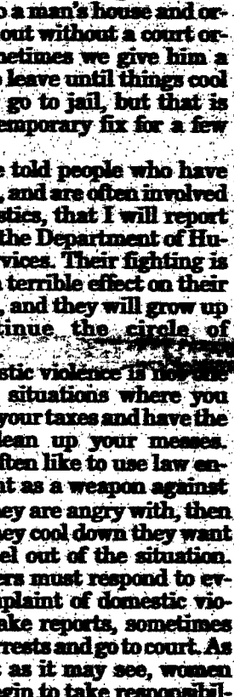

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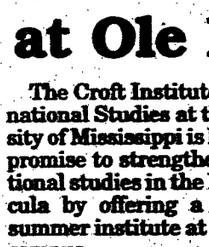
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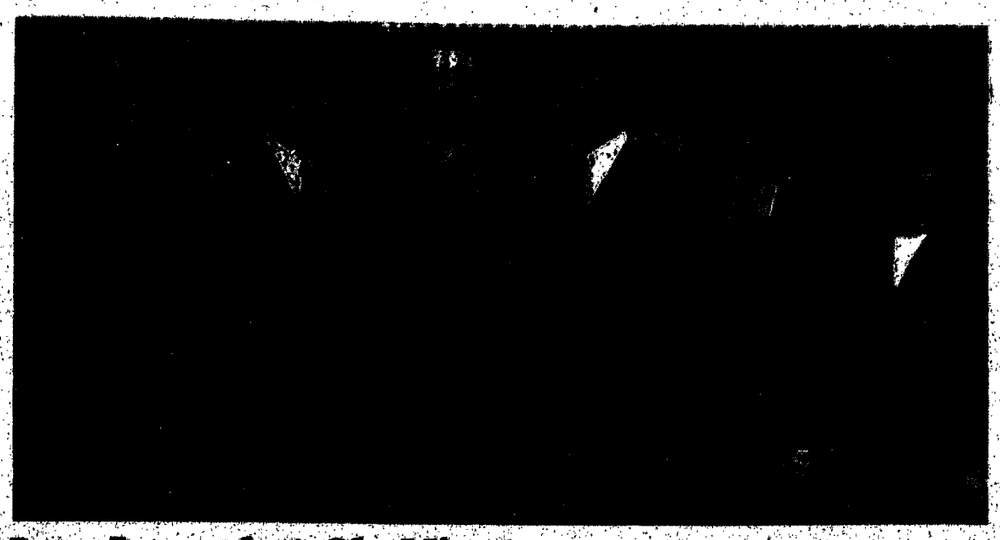

Law Journal at Ole Miss

Students at the University of Mississippi School of Law who earned the academic honor of service on the *Mississippi Law Journal* this year include, from left, Meredith Messer of Gautier, Brian Sanderson of Pascagoula, Trent Favre of Bay St. Louis, Jason McCormick of Long Beach, Erin Christ of Long Beach and Mandee Broussard Baumer of Gulfport. Competition for membership culls candidates until only those students who meet the highest standards remain. A point of pride for law students and a time-proven service to the legal community, the Journal has been published at the Ole Miss law school since 1928. The student-run publication includes articles by practitioners, judges and professors, as well as student-written comments and case notes. Sanderson and Baumer are candidates for graduation at Ole Miss law school commencement May 11. Favre, McCormick and Christ are all second-year law students.

Under Welfare Reform, education is not an allowable activity

With passage of the new welfare law, TANF, recipients all across the state have been forced out of literacy classes and college classes and into low-wage, mainly part-time jobs, because this newest welfare reform eliminates education as an allowable activity for people receiving welfare benefits.

Critics of the new welfare law argue that the law lacks foresight when it forces single mothers with young children, but no education and job skills, into the workplace, noting that those entering the work force are not entering jobs that will make their families economically self-sufficient.

Carol Burnett, director of Moore Community House, a social service facility in Biloxi, contends that work alone does not lift a family out of poverty: "Seventy-five percent of Mississippi children living in poverty have a parent who works," she says. "But a person with no high school degree is not likely to move into a job that pays a living wage."

In a recent article distributed by the Mississippi Forum, Burnett points out that "The majority of Mississippi's adult welfare population does work; but the work they are able to get doesn't pay enough to keep them off welfare."

Burnett believes that by replacing welfare with a block grant with limited funding, Congress ended poor Americans' entitlement to help when they need it.

She particularly objects to the block grant eliminating education and training as allowable activities for persons receiving welfare.

Burnett and other advocates for the poor note that studies show that education makes a tremendous difference in earning power.

A 1994 study on poverty and income trends by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities reported that, of those people surveyed who did not have a high school diploma, 24.8 percent — close to one in four — were poor.

For those in the study who had completed high school, only 10.9 percent were poor, and the figure dropped to 5.2 percent for those with one or more years of college.

"I work with poor mothers who are often forced to decide whether to pay the power bill or pay the rent, because there is not enough money to do both," says Burnett.

She notes that Mississippi pays the lowest welfare benefit in the nation.

The average Mississippi family on welfare (mom and two children) receives medical insurance through Medicaid, and about $68 worth of food stamps per week.

"Their welfare benefit is $120 a month — approximately $27 a week —" says Burnett, "for all non-food needs, including housing costs not covered through subsidy, utilities, transportation, diapers, school supplies, personal hygiene and cleaning supplies, and every other family need."

The officials denouncing welfare as a way of live off the government clearly don't understand the realities of poverty," says Burnett. "They certainly would not be willing to live under these economically impossible circumstances."

Burness argues that while putting uneducated young women into jobs does move them off the welfare rolls — a political goal — it doesn't move them out of poverty.

"Moving these single mothers off welfare is a political goal — but reducing the welfare rolls does not eliminate poverty. Education, job skills and jobs that pay a living wage are the way out of poverty. Enabling single mothers to get themselves and their children out of poverty should be our real goal."

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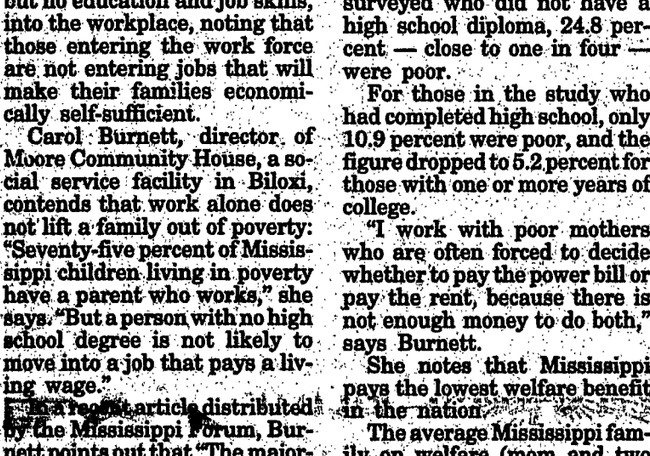
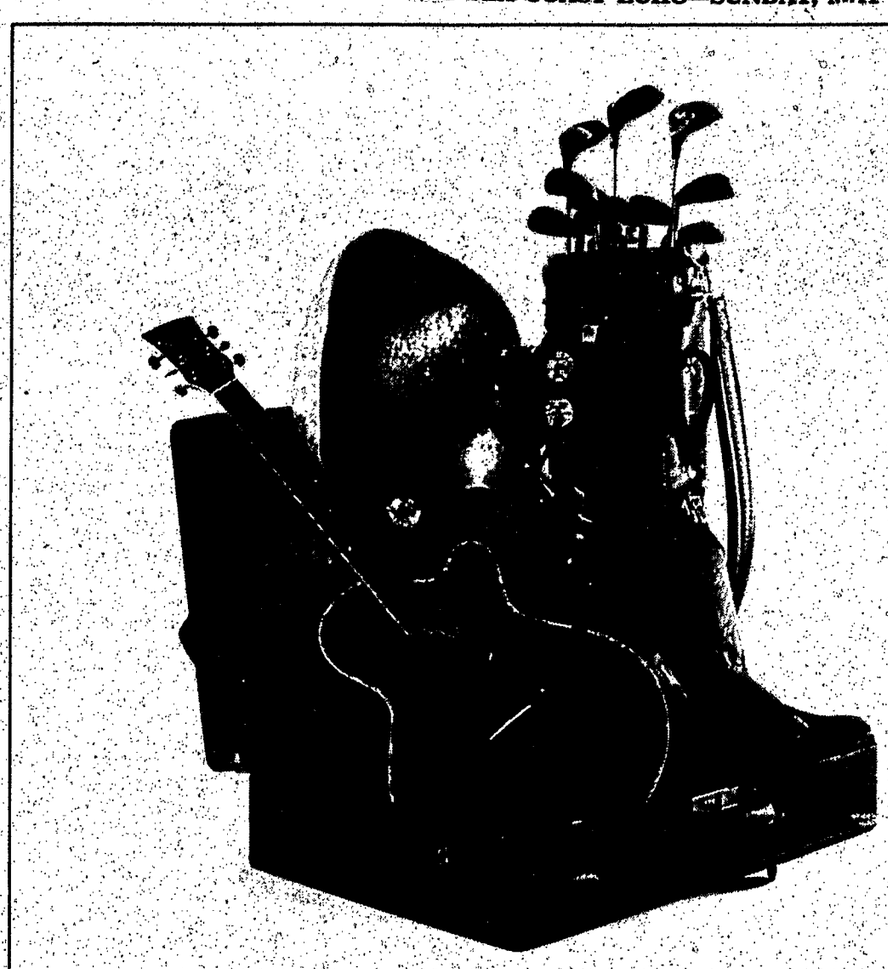


Girl Scouts

Sixth grade Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 269 ready 275 children's books for the Diamondhead Lending Library. They collected these as a community service project. They are, from left, Ashley Flynt, Marjorie Blanchette, Katherine Moody, Lauren Veach and Allena Nitiss. Not pictured is Joelle Kiefer.

Feed the Children

Tom Williams, a member of Hope Haven, is shown receiving sup- from Malley's Slaughter House. Malley's will be processing wild game and domestic meat for the Feed the Children prog- Williams started the program two seasons ago and appreci- ions from the hunting clubs in Hancock County. program is co-sponsored by the Hunters team of Hancock County, South Mississippi Gun Lazarre Hunting Club. All clubs wishing to very worthy causes may contact Williams at deliveries at Malley's Slaughter House and Malley Road. Their phone number is



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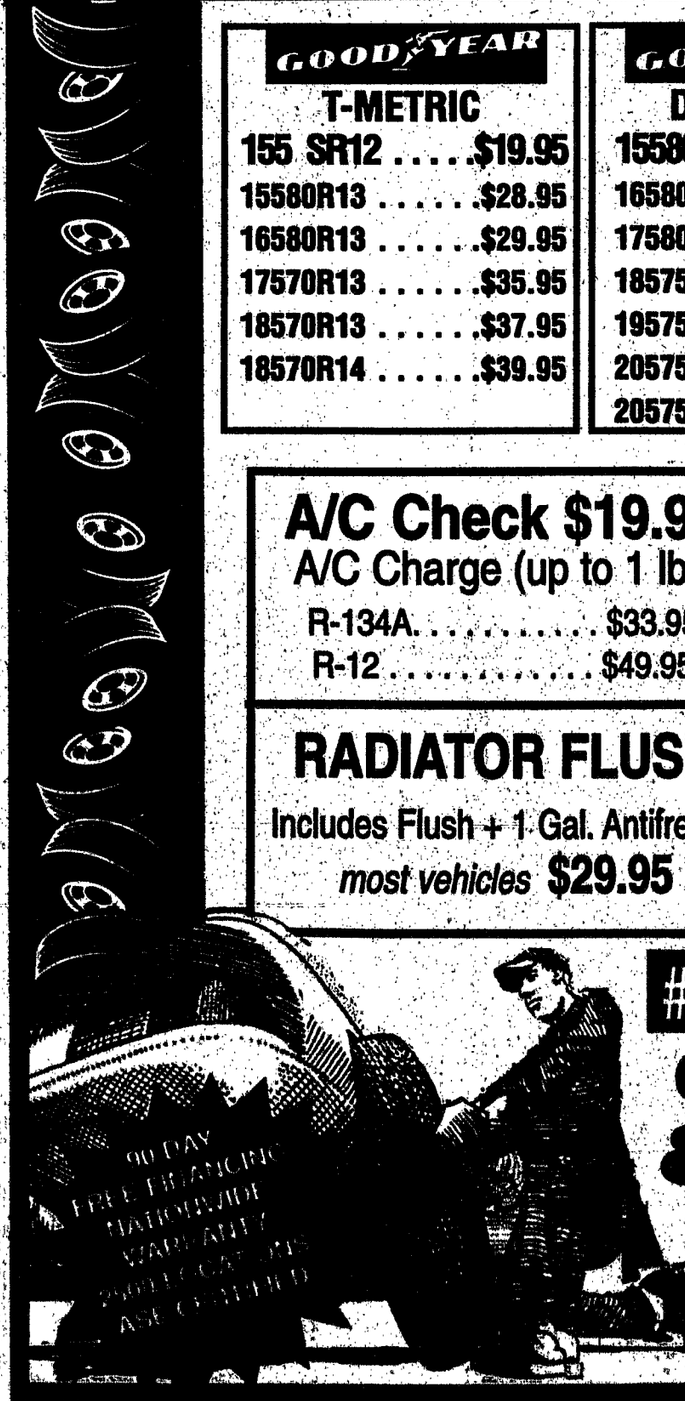

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Dupuy claims first Cajun feature win of season at Sun Coast

Michael Dupuy of Amite, '97 Cajun Sprint points champion, won his first Sun Coast Speedway feature of the '98 season Saturday night.

Dupuy also won one of the earlier heat races along with Bruce Blaker of Long Beach and Dane Wittington of Thibodaux.

Blaker and Dupuy shared the front row for the start of the 19-car feature. Dupuy came out of turn two in the lead and was never headed on his way to the checkers.

Kelly Angelette of Thibodaux managed to move past Blaker but could not threaten Dupuy for the lead, although things did get interesting as the two moved through lap traffic.

Whittington pushed high coming off turn four, making contact with the front retaining wall, dropping him back in the field. Blaker was able to hold on to the third spot with Scotty Wimberly and Glen Clement rounding out the top five.

Rodney Barber also won both heat and feature races in the Street Stock class. Barber moved to the front on the green flag and held a comfortable lead as he made his way to the checkers.

Noah Daspit, also a heat race winner, moved in behind Barber, but was unable to run him down before crossing the finish line.

Danny Lee, a newcomer to the Street Stock division after moving up from the Rookie class, made a strong showing while holding on to the third spot from start to finish. Steve Marsh, a two-time winner this season, had to settle for the fourth spot.

Bubba McQueen showed he still has what it takes in the Pro Stock Class. McQueen took off last season after winning the points championship in this class, but was able to regain his form winning both heat and feature races Saturday night.

Rodney Bruce, who shared the front row with McQueen for the start of the feature, managed to make a pass on McQueen, but it turned out to be a futile effort.

Bruce suffered race-ending mechanical problems before finishing his lead lap going the top spot back over to McQueen. Randy Deshamp moved into the second spot and managed to hold off Matt Fortenberry and Kevin Bruce as they crossed the finish line.

Chris Moran was another driver who made it look easy as he won both a heat and the feature race in the IMCA class. Moran started on the front row where he went for a flag-to-flag win.

Donald Parker, also a heat race winner, was making a strong showing before slipping high in turn four allowing several cars to move past.

Parker was able to work his way back into third before crossing the finish line. Chuckie Smith, always one of the drivers to beat in this division, had to work his way from the back of the pack to finish in the second spot.

Joey Pilgrim won both heat and feature races in the Rookie Class, while Roger Ladner and Gary Crumb rounded out the top three in the feature.

Basketball camp set

The 1998 Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcat Basketball Camps are set for June 7-11 and June 21-25 in M. R. White Coliseum.

The June 7-11 junior high camp is for players grades 5-8, while the June 21-25 high school camp is for players in grades 9-12. The camps will be held Sunday through Thursday of each week.

PRCC women's basketball coach Polly Kirkland, who completed her 11th season at The River this past season, will direct the camps with assistance from select area high school coaches and members of the Lady Wildcat team.

Cost for overnight campers is $135, while day campers pay $100. Any team sending eight or more players will get a $5 discount per player.

Each camper is required to send a $25 deposit with their application. Deposit refunds can be made in the event of an emergency until May 31.

Each camper will be covered by insurance for injuries, though sickness will not be covered. All campers are expected to follow the rules and regulations of the camp.

For information or to receive an application, call Kirkland at (601) 795-2245.

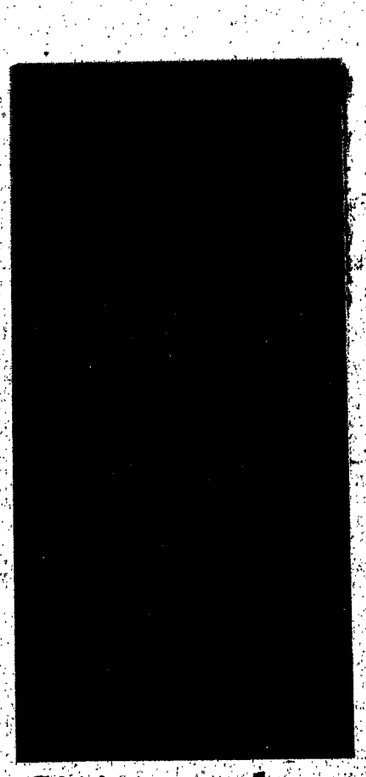
Pass Isles golf results

Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association announces May 5 Pal Tournament results:

First, Terry Scott and Doris Merritt; second, Park Landry and Joan Hart; third Marion Tibergien and Sara Schexnayder.

May 12 Low Net Odd Holes results:

First, Doris Lackie; second, Marie Bolton; third, Margaret Holt; fourth, Julie Hudson; fifth, Pat Bartman; sixth, Malee Hearin.



State award

The Hunter Safety Volunteer of the Year Award was recently presented to Tom Williams of Hancock County by the Mississippi Wildlife Federation. The award was given for his outstanding commitment to volunteerism and the safety of hunters. The ceremony took place at Primo's Northgate Convention Center. The award was sponsored by Mississippi Power Company. "You've got to know before you go." Classes to begin in June 1998. Call and sign up for the next Hunters Safety Education Class at (228) 467-4992.

Park Ten bowling results

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Saturday's Youth
May 9

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Sailing camp

The Bay-Waveland Yacht Club is offering a sailing day camp in four two-week sessions this summer.

Campers will be occupied 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. with activities focused on sailing, including how to sail, rigging and maintaining the boat, rules of the "road," and being knowledgeable and confident near the water.

Each student will have daily exercises to develop swimming skills. There will be a regatta during the first week of August for all students to compete for awards with a banquet on Thursday, Aug. 6.

The camp is available to children at least 9 years old and is open to the public. The camp runs Tuesday through Friday, with sessions every two weeks from June 9 through July 31. The camp costs $220 per session for non-members and $190 for children or grandchildren of members.

For information, call Gilly Chamberlain at 467-7414 or Judy Reeves at 467-5044 or the Bay-Waveland Yacht Club office at 467-4592.

Strut, dance and kick camp at USM

Registration is under way for the Dixie Darling Strut, Dance and Kick Camp to be held July 9-12 at the University of Southern Mississippi.

The camp is designed for high school dancers who are affiliated with strut, dance and kick lines. Students entering grades 8-12 are eligible to attend. Camp highlights include:

— Beginning and advanced strut, dance and kick classes.

— Choreography construction sessions.

— Assistance for individual school units in developing routines.

Fee for drom resident participants is $205, which includes room, board, tuition, limited accident insurance and a camp T-shirt.

Commuters pay $150 for day camp, which includes tuition, lunch, limited accident insurance and a camp T-shirt.

A $50 non-refundable deposit is required with the balance to be paid at registration. Registration deadline is June 29.

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Soccer scholarship

Amanda Kingston has signed a scholarship to play soccer at Mississippi College in Clinton on the Lady Choctaws team, coached by Darryl Longabaugh. Kingston was a standout player on the Bay High School Lady Tiger soccer team which reached the state playoffs each of the past three seasons. Observing the signing are Bay High soccer coach Ken Matthew, seated at right, and Kingston's parents, Al and Linda. (Sea Coast Echo photo by Randy Ponder)

National Safe Boating Week

Drowning is the leading cause of fatalities involving recreational boating, according to the National Safe Boating Council.

To call attention to preventing drownings, "Boat Smart from the Start. Wear Your Life Jacket," is the theme for National Safe Boating Week, May 16-22.

The 1998 campaign will focus on life jacket safety and boating safety information.

In Mississippi during 1997, 43 percent of all boating accidents involved personal watercraft operated by persons from 20 to 29 years of age, according to Boating Education Director Maj. Jimmy Laird of the Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks.

"Campaigns like National Boating Week can go a long way in helping us reduce fatalities and accidents on Mississippi waterways," Laird said.

According to Laird, in 1997 there were 122 non-fatal boating accidents, 20 boating fatalities and 20 non-boating fatalities in Mississippi.

Laird reminds boaters that anyone born after June 30, 1980 must successfully pass a safe boating course before they can legally operate a boat on the public waters in Mississippi.

Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, the 50th year

By Russell J. Elliott

The Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo as it is today was actually a spinoff from some boat owners, who during WWII were drafted by the U.S. Coast Guard, and commissioned as the Coast Guard Auxiliary, to help with the constant patrol of the Mississippi Sound and Gulf of Mexico.

Such boat owners commissioned were Dr. Daron, Pete Skrmetta, Ed Ortte, Luther Maples and others.

To offset the patrols in the Gulf, these boat owners would bet among themselves as to who would catch the largest fish in different categories.

Immediately after the end of WWII the idea of creating a fishing contest was formed and adopted by the Gulfport American Legion Post 119 as a community project.

Under the leadership of Bob Rice and Mayor Billy Meadows the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo was officially recognized. After several successful years of operating, and through the efforts of the rodeo publicity chairman, Dick Lightsey, the Daily Herald sports editor, the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo was proclaimed by sports writers nationally as the "World's Largest Fishing Rodeo."

Soon after the American Legion Post 119 relinquished the fishing rodeo, Bob Rice formed and chartered the now Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, creating a public "free" registration to fish for prizes, trophies and recognition involving and using charter and commercial fishing boats, fish displayed in categories, merchant booths and under the pavilion, a rodeo dance with a beauty pageant, rodeo stage with professional and amateur entertainment, carnival rides and booths on the grounds, sky divers and a Fourth of July fireworks display.

After several years of operating out of tents at the Gulfport Small Craft Harbor, and with the City of Gulfport providing a site, the directors of Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo with the help of Gulfport built a permanent facility with a rodeo headquarters building naming it the "Bob Rice Pavilion."

The increase of tourists to the Gulf Coast, because of the fishing rodeo, was acknowledged by the state of Mississippi after a study that revealed the rodeo had 300,000 in attendance over the week of the rodeo.

In 1957 the State Legislature resolved that the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo having a tremendous impact on the Mississippi Gulf Coast was named the official Fishing Rodeo of the State of Mississippi.

The rodeo not only encompasses salt water fishing but also fresh water fishing with complete family entertainment. Starting from such a humble beginning this "World's Largest Fishing Rodeo" has grown to the giant sports event of today.

Originally the queen of the Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo was chosen by county and city officials on a rotation manner either at the Markham or Edgewater Gulf hotels. However this queen selection was changed 35 years ago when a Rodeo Beauty Pageant committee composed of Dr. Richard Burman, Jack Dedeaxu, Leigh Mac Connell and Gabe Batson (NOLA radio and TV fame) picked a panel of beauty pageant judges each year to crown the rodeo queen from a bevy of girls respresenting the county and cities.

The rodeo directors then officially named the Broadwater Hotel as the official home of the Rodeo Beauty Pageant and Dance.

None of the original creators of the event have survived and have their own fishing rodeo in the hereafter.

The present 18-member board of directors are President/General Chairman Chuck Dedeaux, Executive Director Joseph Casano, Vice President Oren Williams, Recording Secretary Joseph Gex, Treasurer Russell "Ree" Elliott, Leigh MacConnell, Kenneth Blackwell, Russell J. Elliott, Hershel Ladner, Carey Starr, Wren Frith, Mike Ernst, George Wright Jr., Tommy Esposito Jr., Buz Olsen, Hue Snowden, Tommy Esposito Sr. and Mark Wright. There are two emeritus directors, Dr. Richard Burman and John Auderer.

The present rodeo board of directors who perpetuate this nonprofit venture, recognize the challenge to carry on this great service to the community, Gulf Coast and the state.

The board of directors also knows that without the tremendous help of their rodeo associate directors, the organizations such as the American Legion Post 119, Leo Seal and Hancock Bank, the merchants of the Gulf Coast, all the county and city official and the printed and electronic media, this fishing rodeo would fall by the wayside.

The rodeo was voted the Top 10 Sporting, Civic and Tourist Attraction in the Southeastern United States.

Rodeo schedule

The Mississippi Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo schedule includes:

June 3, 7:30 a.m. until—tour of Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Hancock County, Chamber of Commerce, NASA, Hospitality Welcome Center, Bay St. Louis Depot, Old City Hall under the Oaks, lunch at Buccaneer Park and Wave Pool.

June 3, 7 p.m. — Rodeo kickoff, shrimp boil, Legion Post 119, Gulfport.

June 27, 8 p.m. — Beauty Contest and 1998-99 queen selection; ball (dance), 9 p.m. until at Broadwater, Biloxi.

July 1-5 — Rodeo fishing competition, Jones Park at Rice Pavilion, Gulfport, including fish display, prize awards, stage entertainment, merchants' booths, carnival rides, refreshments.

Fishing competition registration is free, including junior fishing rodeo and military fishing rodeo.

Sea Wolves to host 1999 ECHL All-Star game

The East Coast Hockey League and Mississippi Sea Wolves announced the 1999 All-Star Game and Skills Competition will be Tuesday, Jan. 12 and Wednesday, Jan. 13 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

The game will showcase the Northern Conference All-Stars versus the Southern Conference All-Stars. The teams will be selected by the ECHL's coaches and one member of the media from each ECHL city in mid-December.

Each team will consist of 18 skaters and two goaltenders. The All-Star Game will be Wednesday, Jan. 13.

On Tuesday, Jan. 12, the ECHL will hold its annual Skills Competition. The two teams will compete in events such as the Fastest Skater and Hardest Shot competitions.

In the 1998 event, New Orleans Brass left wing Jeff Lazaro won the Fastest Skater competition with a time .17 seconds faster than New Jersey Devils' defenseman Scott Niedermayer in the NHL's Fastest Skater competition.

Last season's All-Star Game and Skills Competition in Lafayette, La. drew over 16,000 fans over the two days.

"We are honored to be hosting the 1999 event and hope to exceed the total attendance record set last season," said John Gagnon, president and general manager of the Mississippi Sea Wolves.

The 1999 All-Star Game will be the 7th in ECHL history. The following cities hosted the previous games: Lafayette, La. (1998), Charlotte, NC (1997), Tallahassee, Fla. (1996), Greensboro, NC (1995), Norfolk, Va. (1994, and Wheeling WV (1993).

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Travel firm opens web site

The on-line population is rocketing upward, and travel planning sites have emerged as some of the Web's hottest destinations.

Travel Affiliates & Cruises Only, South Mississippi's largest travel agency, now has a site on the World Wide Web dedicated to travel.

People with access to the Internet are provided travel information for vacation planning, 24 hours a day, at www.travelaffiliates.com.

"Having a web site is like opening another branch office," said Rae Anne Ryan, CTC, owner of Travel Affiliates & Cruises Only.

"A travel agency that is open seven days a week 24 hours a day is just what our busy community has been needing."

Ryan explained that when you visit the web site, your request for a price quote can be e-mailed to Travel Affiliates & Cruises Only with just a few clicks.

The travel agency promises a quick response so the traveler can make an informed decision about the vacation they are planning.

"Our web site is focused on vacation travel, it's simple to understand and very easy to navigate," said Ryan.

The most popular page on www.travelaffiliates.com is the "Client Scrapbook" site, where photographs taken by clients during their trip can be viewed. "Our travelers love to tell friends that their vacation pictures are on the World Wide Web," said Ryan. The scrapbook site also has comments from some of the travelers. Their first-hand experience of a destination is helpful to other travelers.

Other popular pages on the web site are "Great Deals," where the travel agency posts cruises and tours that are special bargains; and the "Group Specials" pages that have information about group motorcoach trips leaving from the Coast, as well as other trips with groups from the Coast.

According to Ryan, only a small number of travel sales have been done through the web site, but Ryan maintains that many sales have been done because of the web site.

"The web site has prices posted, and the viewer can see that the vacation they have been wanting to take has a cost that they can afford," said Ryan.

While most people still pick up the phone and talk to someone before purchasing a trip; Ryan and many in the travel industry believe that very soon people will use credit cards on the Internet.

It is predicted that by the year 2000 more than $1 billion of travel will be sold directly through the World Wide Web.

Travel Affiliates & Cruises Only is poised for that next step in web evolution.

Travel Affiliates & Cruises Only has five locations along the Coast, in Bay St. Louis, Gulfport, Biloxi, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula, as well as in Laurel and Hattiesburg.

The travel company has set a new record first quarter with sales of $3.2 million. More than $1.5 million were sales of cruises and tour vacations.

Huffman named loan officer

North American Mortgage Company, the nation's sixth-largest residential mortgage lender, has named Rhonda L. Huffman as loan officer to serve Picayune and Bay St. Louis.

A resident of the area for most of her life, Huffman has worked in the financial services industry during her entire career, in positions of increasing responsibility. Her most recent position was at a national bank in Slidell.

Huffman may be reached at 504-781-0144 or toll-free at 800-249-4077.

In addition to a complete line of sub-prime, fixed- and adjustable-rate loans, North American Mortage Company is also an FHA direct-endorsement and VA automatic-approved lender.

The company has also developed several proprietary loan products, including Purchase Express, a pre-approval with its own "credit card" and the means to lock in a rate — before house hunting begins.

North American Mortgage Company funded $16.1 billion in loans in 1997. A full-service mortgage banker, the company has been providing mortgage loans since 1948, and currently maintains 170 loan production offices from Hawaii to Maine and most areas between.

Rhonda L. Huffman

FINANCIAL FOCUS

Submitted by Craig Foster
Edward Jones Co.

Bond funds grow in popularity

Think of the term "mutual fund," and you probably think of a way to invest in the stock market. Yet there's another type of mutual fund — the bond fund. Bond funds have become an important way for U.S. households to invest in the bond market.

A recent paper by the Investment Company Institute (ICI) examined the growth of bond mutual funds, the economic forces that influence bond fund sales and redemptions, and the impact that drops in bond prices have on bond funds. Here are some of the highlights of the paper:

Growth of bond mutual funds. Six bond mutual funds existed in 1940, and only three more were introduced in the next 25 years. During the second half of the 1960s and the early 1970s, as stock prices declined, mutual fund sponsors organized more bond funds. By the end of 1975, 35 bond funds were in existence, with total assets of $2.2 billion.

The Tax Reform Act of 1976 and the introduction of new products that provided investors with more choices spurred further increases in the growth of bond funds. The Tax Act made municipal bond funds more attractive by allowing the income earned on municipal securities to pass tax-free to mutual fund shareholders. Fund companies introduced 14 new municipal bond funds in 1976.

Between early 1989 and late 1993, bond funds experienced net inflows of $207.2 billion, increasing total bond fund assets by 80.7 percent.

Ownership of bond funds. Individuals owned more than 75 percent of all bond fund assets at the end of 1995. Most individual holdings were outside retirement accounts. Individuals tend to prefer tax-exempt bond funds, which do not need the tax-sheltered status of retirement accounts.

Bond fund shareholders. Owners of bond funds are similar to the typical mutual fund shareholder. Bond fund investors tend to own more than one type of fund. More than 60 percent of mutual fund shareholders own at least two types of funds. About 80 percent of all bond and income shareholders also own equity (stock) funds.

Municipal bond fund shareholders tend to be slightly older and wealthier than the average mutual fund shareholder. This suggests a stronger demand among retirees for tax-exempt income.

Shareholder behavior. Although there have been redemptions in bond market declines since the mid-1980s, there is no evidence that bond fund shareholders redeem en masse, even when interest rates rise sharply. This behavior is similar to that of equity fund shareholders.

The ICI paper seems to confirm the pattern of most mutual fund investors. Both equity and bond fund shareholders appear to be focused on long-term movements rather than short-term market developments.

Keep in mind, bond funds are just one part of your fixed-income portfolio, just as stock funds are one part of an equity portfolio.

Legal workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi Small Business Development Center and Coast Community Bank are offering a workshop, "Women: Are You Legal?" May 19, 6-8 p.m. at Coast Books, 2700 13th Street, Gulfport.

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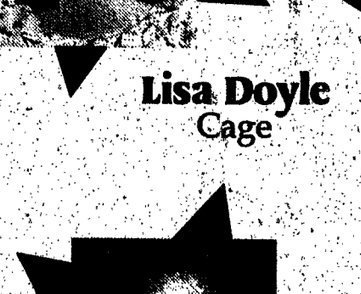

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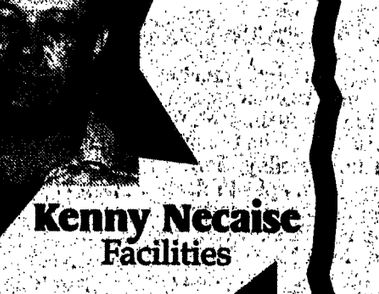

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BUSINESS NEWS

Local leaders to be 'locked up' for MDA

On Thursday, May 21, in Hancock County and Friday, May 22 in Harrison County, ERA Bayshore Realty will team up with local business and community leaders for a fund-raising "lockup" to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

The association is one of the premier national health agencies in the United States. Energized by Jerry Lewis, who has been the association's number one volunteer since its inception in 1950, MDA battles 40 neuromuscular diseases.

The association seeks no governmental grants, United Way income or fees from the people or families it serves. MDA works to combat neuromuscular diseases through scientific research, comprehensive programs of services and widespread professional and public health education.

It organizes and operates local community services, clinics, educational programs and summer camp programs for youngsters 6-21 years old.

MDA is one of the nation's top-rated non-profit organizations when it comes to program spending as a percentage of income. Over 74 percent of the monies raised goes directly toward program services.

ERA Real Estate first teamed up with MDA in 1977, becoming the exclusive corporate sponsor of MDA from the real estate industry.

Over the past 20 years, ERA members, brokers and sales associates have raised nearly $25 million in the fight for a cure for neuromuscular diseases.

The event will take place 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, May 21, at ERA Bayshore Realty, 640 Hwy. 90 in Waveland and at the same time Friday, May 22, at ERA Bayshore Realty, 12337-C Ashley Drive, Gulfport.

Participants will be charged with "having a big heart" and asked to raise $500 in pledges for their bail. If you know of anyone who meets the description of "having a big heart" or would like to volunteer yourself for an hour, contact Keith Mitchell in Hancock County at 467-0244 or Sylvia Widdershoven at 832-2800 in Harrison County.

State retirement seminars scheduled

The Public Employees' retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) will launch its Mississippi Pre-Retirement Education Program (M-PEP) this year with 10 one-day seminars throughout the state.

The seminars will provide information to members to help them plan for their retirement years. The program targets members within 10 years of retirement, and especially those members within five years, with a goal of reaching every such member.

Information will be provided on estate planning, budgeting for retirement and other issues relating to retirement.

"We feel it is PERS' responsibility to offer sound and comprehensive retirement related information to our members so that informed decisions and planning can serve to enhance their retirement years," said Donna Edwards, PERS' division director for claims and benefits. "Members and their spouses are invited to attend the seminars since retirement planning is important for both partners in a marriage."

PERS members can draw service retirement benefits at age 60 or older with at least four years of service credit or at any age with at least 25 years of service credit.

Retirement System members must pre-register to attend a pre-retirement seminar, and may do so either by telephone or by completing and returning to PERS an application available through employer personnel offices.

To register by telephone, call 1-800-444-7377, ext. 2262 or 2050.

Members must provide a name, Social Security number and specify the seminar they wish to attend when registering.

Members are urged to register as early as possible due to a limit on capacity at each seminar.

Seminar dates, locations and times are:

May 28, Mississippi ETV Auditorium at the Research & Development Center, 3825 Ridgewood Road in Jackson, 8:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m.

June 10, Suite 101 at the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, 1141 Bayview Ave. in Biloxi, 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

June 11, Room 110 in Building D at the Jefferson Davis campus of Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, 2226 Switzer Road in Gulfport, 9 a.m.-4:40 p.m.

June 18, Multi-Purpose Room at the Meridian branch of Mississippi State University, 1000 Hwy. 19 North, 8:30-4:15 p.m.

June 22, Meeting Room at the Hattiesburg Public LIbrary, 329 Hardy St., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

July 22, Multi-Purpose room at Copiah-Lincoln Community College Vo-Tech Center, 30 Campus Dr. in Natchez, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

July 28, Vicksburg High School Auditorium, 3701 Drummond St., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m.

Chamber sponsors workshop

The University of Southern Mississippi Small Business Development Center and the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce are offering a workshop, "How To Get More Bang For Your Buck!" on Thursday, June 18, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

The workshop will focus on advertising resources for small businesses, including information on radio, television and newspaper advertising, the advantages and disadvantages of advertising, and supplementary information and resources, such as magazine articles, associations, etc.

The instructor will be Jill Scafide, business analyst with the USM Small Business Development Center.

Co-sponsors include Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, and the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

The fee is $15 per person and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To pre-register, mail check made payable to USM SBDC (by June 11) to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For information, call 228-865-4578.

Hancock Bank names senior loan specialist

Hancock Bank President George Schloegel announced that Curtis F. Matherne, Jr., has joined Hancock Bank as senior loan specialist for the Biloxi division.

Formerly associated with Bank of Mississippi, and more recently Whitney National Bank, Matherne brings over 25 years of finance, banking and management experience to Hancock Bank at the Popps Ferry Road office.

Matherne's professional vita includes accomplishments in commercial lending and all facets of consumer lending, personnel and budget management, business development and financial counseling.

Matherne, a New Orleans native, attended the University of Southern Mississippi and the Mississippi School of Banking.

He serves on the parish council of our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church and is active in both the Biloxi Bay Chamber of Commerce and the Gulf Coast Chamber of Commerce.

With $2.7 billion in assets and 80 offices throughout South Mississippi and Louisiana, Hancock Bank — founded in 1899 — stands among the strongest, safest financial institutions in the United States, according to Veribanc, Inc.

Curtis F. Matherne, Jr.

Hancock declares dividend

Hancock Holding Company (NASDAQ/NMS:HBHC) board of directors has declared the regular second quarter 1998 cash dividend as $0.25 per share. The dividend is payable June 15, 1998, to shareholders of record as of June 5, 1998.

Hancock Holding Company, headquartered in Gulfport, has paid a regular cash dividend since 1937.

The parent company of Hancock Bank Mississippi and Hancock Bank of Louisiana, Hancock Holding operates 80 full-service offices and over 100 automated teller machines through banks in South Mississippi and Louisiana.

Company subsidiaries include Hancock Mortgage Corporation, Harrison Finance Company and Hancock Investment Services Inc.

Hancock Holding Company's common stock is traded on the Nasdaq Stock Market under the symbol HBHC and is listed in the Nasdaq newspaper quotations under the abbreviation HancHd.

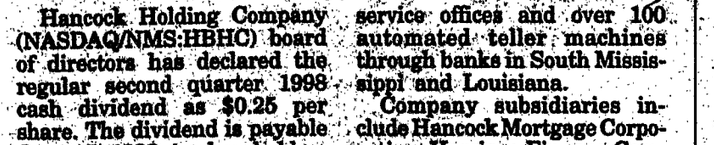
5th year anniversary

Grand Casino Gulfport celebrated its five-year anniversary Wednesday.

Grand Casino Gulfport was the first Grand Casino facility to open in Mississippi (May 1993) and was followed by Grand Casino Biloxi in January 1994. Grand Casino Tunica opened in June 1996.

Grand Casino Gulfport features over 105,000 square feet of gaming space, an entertainment center, Kids Quest, Grand Arcade, five restaurants, the Gulfbreeze Hotel, a 17-story 400-room luxury high-rise hotel, indoor pool and jacuzzi and spa, salon and fitness center.

Grand Casino Gulfport employs more than 2,300 associates of which nearly 600 are charter members.



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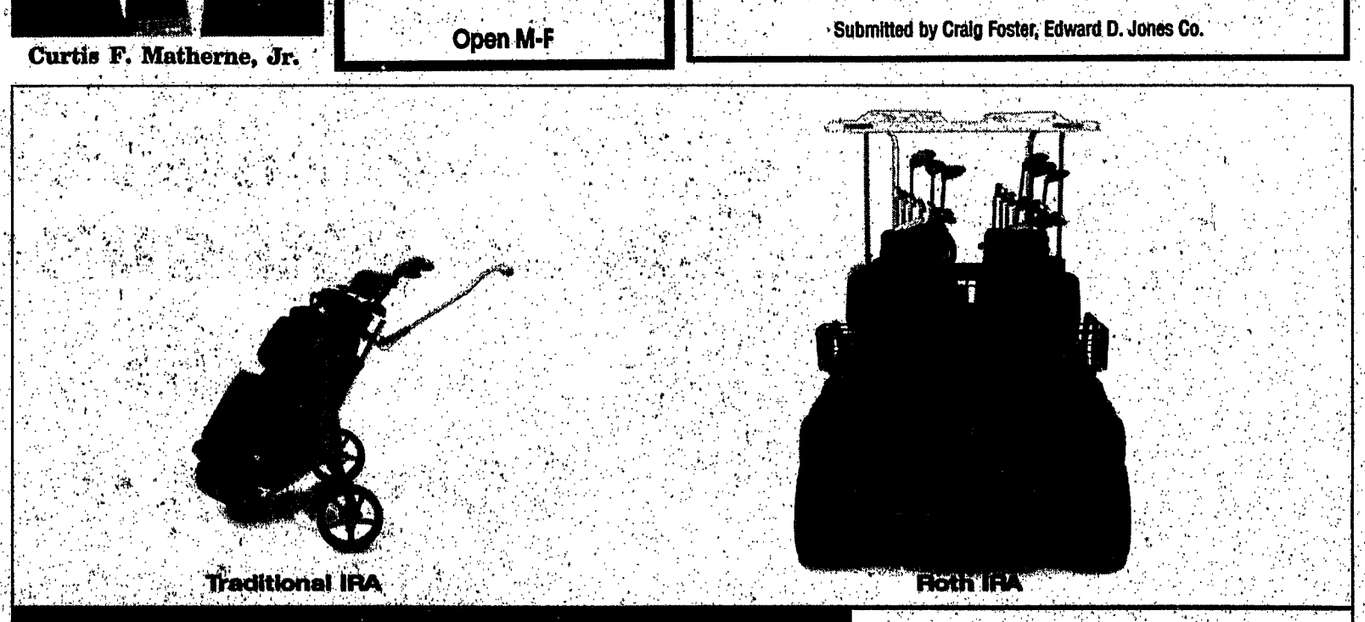

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SOLUTION:

Wellman - holds Open House

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tract an undetermined number of ancillary facilities."

Fordice said the plastics and chemical sector was among growth markets targeted by his administration. "I think we'll see more plastics industries coming to Mississippi," said Fordice. He said the acclaimed Polymer Research Center at the University of Southern Mississippi will help attract more industries.

Wellman's President and CEO Tom Duff said Wellman's staff is looking seriously into technologies that would allow the Pearl River Plant to manufacture its own purified terephthalic acid (PTA) on site. "That decision will be made later this summer," said Duff.

He thanked the Governor, Economic Development officials, Port and Harbor officials and county supervisors for their spirit of cooperation, first in luring Wellman to Hancock County and during construction.

"We, very carefully, choose our partnerships," said Duff, "and, this alliance with the state of Mississippi has proven to be an outstanding choice. We've come here to stay. We've come here to build," said Duff.

The Pearl River facility, when completed in mid-1999, will be the largest of its kind in the world, and will produce high-quality PET, plastic containers used for soft drinks and a host of other products on grocery shelves.

The first polyester resin production line is about 90 percent complete and scheduled for an October startup. A second resin production unit will come on line in early 1999, and a third line that will produce polyester staple fiber will come into production in mid-1999. It will produce Fortrel, Wellman's copyrighted name for its fibers that are used in carpets, clothing and home furnishings.

In its first phase, the Pearl River plant will produce 470 million pounds of resin and 230 million pounds of Fortrel polyester fiber.

Project manager C.O. "Pete" Woody reported that currently there are almost 1,250 construction workers on site, but those numbers will taper off as the project nears completion. He estimated by the time work is completed, 2.5 million manhours would have been put into labor. In addition to its prime contractor, Flour Daniels, Woody said 90 sub-contractors were on site, and he said Wellman has kept its promise to use mostly Mississippi workers during the construction phase.

Once the plant opens in October, Wellman's Pearl River plant will employ a total of 269 people, including 130 hourly-paid plant operators, a management support staff of 61, and clerical and other technicians, Woody said.

Wellman has already begun to train operators at the new training center it has constructed near the Port's entrance, and it has turned over the facility to the Port and Harbor for auxiliary use in the future.

Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice predicted Wellman's startup in October will attract more plastics and chemicals plants to the state.

Wellman Project Manager C.O. "Pete" Woody reported the $400-million plastics manufacturing plant at Port Bienville is coming in "on schedule and on budget."

Harbor - Needs to be settled

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up to rescind the ordinance, Ward 2 Alderman Margaret Jean Kalif again moved to table, and offered a substitute motion directing the city attorney to draw up another ordinance creating a commission. Her motion was seconded by Ward 4 Alderman Vonnie Bodenschatz.

Ward 1 Alderman Jeff Emerson seemed to grow impatient with the political posturing. "The state attorney general says we do not have the statuatory authority to create a commission," Emerson argued.

Ward 3 Alderman Michael Antoine moved to table Kalif's motion and offered another to get an official opinion from the Attorney General's office.

"I have one," Kalif shot back. She referred to an opinion she read into the record during the April 21 meeting. It was issued Feb. 13 by Patricia F. Aston, special assistant to the attorney general.

Weston said it was her opinion that "a municipality . . . may create a harbor commission for the purpose of studying, advising, making reports and recommendations to the municipal governing body regarding the development, maintennace and operation of the municipal harbor." However, Aston said a commission cannot make or implement decisions and policies regarding the harbor.

McDonald told the board that before the meeting he and Jones spoke to Alice Wise, another assistant attorney general, who is in charge of municipal affairs.

It was Wise whom McDonald said told him and Jones in a phone conversation last January that the city did not have the authority to create a harbor commission under its home rule charter.

The mayor said Wise told him she had talked to her division chief, and he suggested they should request another written opinion. Estimates are an opinion could take two weeks or more.

At the previous meeting, McDonald told aldermen that Wise told him and Jones her office doesn't usually issue a written opinion on past actions taken by municipalities.

The revelation that the mayor had another conversation with Wise brought more reaction from Bodenschatz.

"We were not told," (of the afternoon conversation) said Bodenschatz. "I'm confused. Recently, we were told they wouldn't give us a written opinion."

Before the vote to get another opinion, Kalif told Jones she wanted to know "exactly what you are requesting."

Jones said he would make a copy of the question posed to the attorney general available to all aldermen.

The bickering got the best of Alderman-at-Large Leo "Chipper" McDermott, who is new to the board and who abstained from voting the last time.

"I'll be so glad when this whole thing's over," said McDermott. "Otherwise, concrete the harbor and let's put in a hockey team."

Trucker - Kids enjoy

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zam." The 18-wheeler is outfitted with television, telephone, computer, and a double bunk. Above the door are the words "Black Hawk", Twiggs' CB name.

As students explored the truck, several heads popped out of a side door, exposing part of the bunk. Ooohs and ahhhs were heard as they climbed into the back of the truck, cooled down to a chilly 25 degrees.

The truck was a definite hit.

Lauren Renz said she liked the seats and the horn, and several students said the rig was much bigger than they expected.

"It was fun," added Collettte Cook, "and nice of Mr. Twiggs to come show us."

Alyse Prier had previously been treated to a ride in the 18-wheeler and said it "wasn't really bumpy at all."

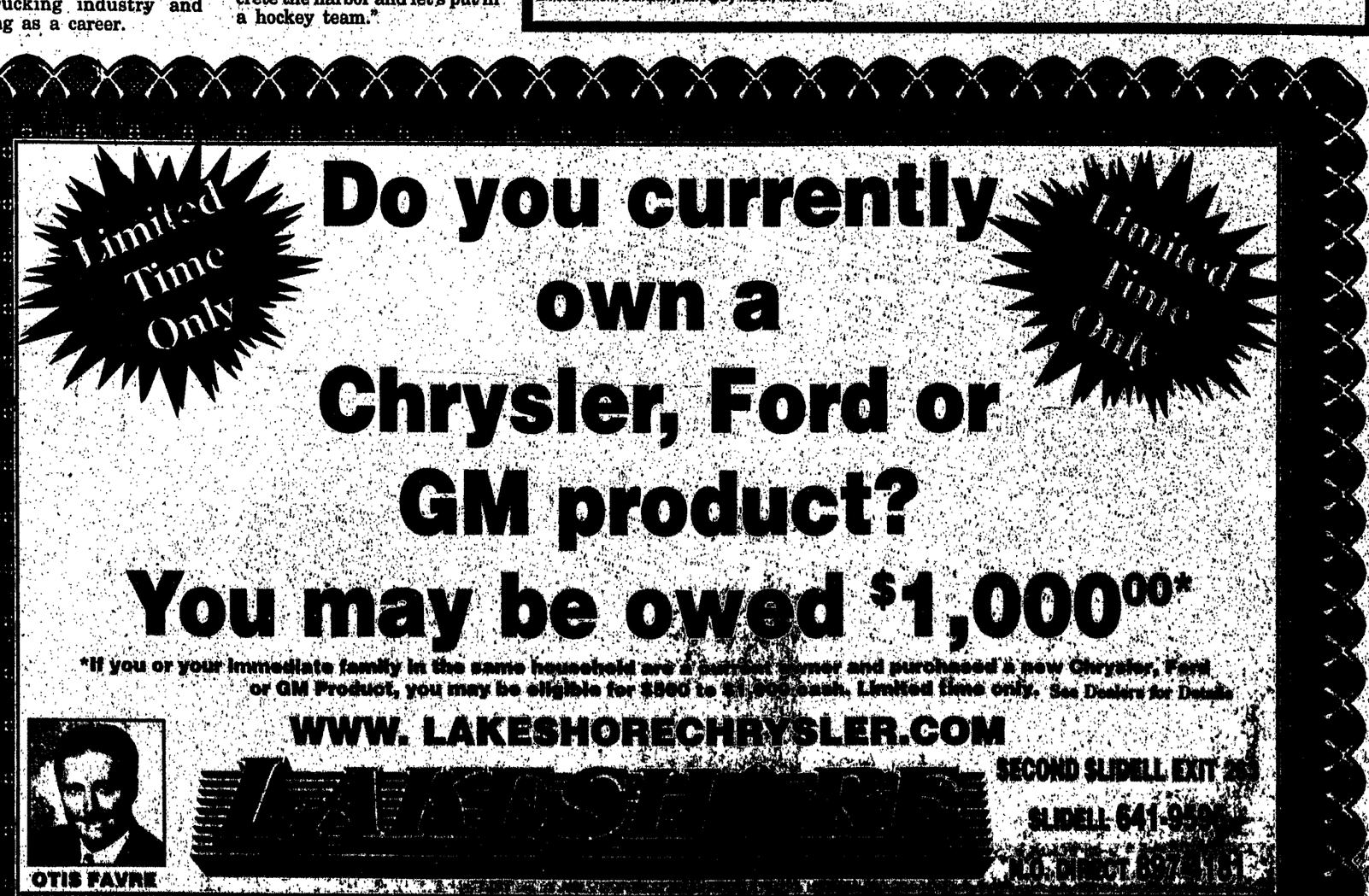
Sylvester Twiggs said he misses his dad when he's on the road, but has had a chance to experience trucking first hand.

In the classroom, students discuss the places from which the postcards come, said Drackett.

Students are also taught about the trucking industry and trucking as a career, said Twiggs.

"The program was started by a (trucker) named Buddy King to try and change the image of truckers," he explained. "(Truckers) come to schools and teach kids about the trucking industry and the many jobs associated with the industry."

Drackett said students will follow-up what they have learned by writing an essay about the geography and history they've learned as well as about the trucking industry and trucking as a career.



Bay Middle School science fair winners

Bay Middle School held its annual science fair recently. Over 400 students participated in this event and judges from NAVO at Stennis Space Center and GE at Port Bienville judged in six categories. The winners in each category are as follows:

Category I, Behavioral Science: 1st place, Paige Ladner; 2nd place, Lacey Sipsey; 3rd place, Mitchell Sims; honorable mentions: Josh Sick, Rebecca Stenger, and Bonnie Meyers.

Category II, Math, Computers, Earth and Space: 1st place, Mac David; 2nd place, Jessica Johnson; 3rd place, Kristen Blanchard; honorable mentions: Jessica Trotter, James Langdon, Donald Rush, Matthew Hardman, Stephan Hoda, Arrian White, Amanda Benvenutti and Jessica Porter.

Category III, Botany and Microbiology: 1st place, Johanna Bilbo; 2nd place, Amy Clark; 3rd place, Samantha Richardson; honorable mentions: Eulalio Elizondo and Trevor Collier.

Category IV, Chemistry and Biochemistry: 1st place, Cherie Jeffords; 2nd place, Sara Gilmore; 3rd place, Elizabeth Krauss; honorable mentions: Mary Monks, Jeremy Bishop, Sara Minear, Chris Magee, Elizabeth McLain, Crystal Anderson, Jenna Rose, Buddy Schulz, Mark Robichaux and Beth Strong.

Category V, Physics and Engineering: 1st place, Crystal Scretching; 2nd place, Bradley Ladner; 3rd place, Arron Sand; honorable mentions: Brennan Thomas, Meg Walley, Kevin Macuick, Leah Saucier, Rodney Goodsell, Jennifer Varnell, Emily Liner, Amber Emil, Savanna Pantoja, Michelle Brack and Matthew Saucier.

Category VI, Zoology, Medicine, and Health: 1st place, Willow Nero; 2nd place, Stephanie Gieseler; 3rd place, Jamie Lewallen; honorable mentions: Jessica Hall, Brandi Fisher, Ashley Cagle, Chawn Hartley, Melvin Lock, Josh Kennedy, Kenneth Rideout, Karuna Madnani, Zachary Ferry and Rayah Callais.

First place winners

From left, Cherie Jeffords, Paige Ladner, Johanna Bilbo, Crystal Scretching, Willow Nero and Mac David.

Second place winners

From left, Lacey Sipsey, Bradley Ladner, Jessica Johnson, Sara Gilmore, Amy Clark and Stephanie Gieseler.

Third place winners

From left, Elizabeth Krauss, Samantha Richardson, Arron Sands, Mitchell Sims, Kristen Blanchard and Jamie Lewallen.

North Bay Elementary celebrates 'Fun Day'

All students at North Bay Elementary recently spent an entire day outside having lots of fun. Fun Day took the place of waht was previously called Field Day. The 16 classes at North Bay rotated around the playground to participate in 16 activity stations. Included in the schedule was a picnic lunch and regular snack breaks.

Rena Russell, North Bay PE teacher, planned and supervised the event. Mrs. Russell wanted students to be able to participate in noncompetitive activities in a relaxed, stress-free environment. Each student received a participation ribbon at the end of the day.

The most popular station was the Moon Walk, which was sponsored by the North Bay PTO. Some teachers even ventured in to jump and play. Other popular activities included hula hoops, jump ropes, face painting, basketball throw, wheelbarrel runs, and scoops and balls.

The potato sack races were just one of many activities for Fun Day.

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Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District

BREAKFAST

Monday — Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Tuesday — Sausage Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Wednesday — Assorted Muffins, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Thursday — Pancake and Sausage on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, Juice.
Friday — Grits, Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Juice.

LUNCH

Monday — Beefaroni or BBQ Rib Sandwich, Green Beans, Salad or Mixed Vegetables, Applesauce or Peach Slices, Roll or Fruit Cobbler.
Tuesday — Chicken Tetrazzini or Hamburger, French Fries, Calif. Veggies, Fruit, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Blushing Pears, Roll.
Wednesday — Macaroni and Cheese with Ham or Turkey Sub, Sweet Potatoes and Apples, Peas and Carrots or Salad, Fresh or Tropical Apples, Texas Toast, Fudge Brownie.
Thursday — Pork Jambalaya or Chicken Sandwich, Seasoned Potato Cuts, Broccoli and Cheese, Glazed Carrots, Plums or Pineapple Tidbits.
Friday — Pepperoni Pizza or Sloppy Joe, French Fries, Peas or Southern Greens, Orange Wedges or Tropical Fruit Mix, Applesauce Cake.

Hancock High School

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
Mustard/Mayo/Ketchup
Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce

LUNCH

Monday — Chicken Nuggets or Cheeseburger with Trimmings or Burrito, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple Pleasure or Fruit Juice, Honey Wheat Roll or Crackers.
Tuesday — Spaghetti with Meat Sauce or Turkey Sub Sandwich or Loaded Potato, Tater Tots or Carrot Sticks with Dip, Applesauce of Fruit Juice, Garlic Bread or Crackers, Jello with Topping.
Wednesday — Fried Chicken or BBQ Pork Burger or Chicken Fajitas, Whipped Potatoes, Baked Beans, Sliced Peaches or Fruit Cup or Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll or Crackers.
Thursday — Beef Taco Supreme or Pizza with Toppings or Vegetable Beef Soup with Crackers, Chicken Sandwich, Whole Kernel Corn or Garden Salad with Dressing, Mixed Fruit or Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls or Crackers, Vanilla Pudding with Topping.
Friday — Taco Salad or Chicken Spaghetti or Fish on Bun, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Apple and Orange Wedges or Frozen Fruit Bar, Yeast Bread Sticks or Crackers.

Hancock North Central Gulfview and Charles B. Murphy Elementary Schools

Served daily:
Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert and Milk
Condiments:
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Sweet and Sour Sauce/Salsa
BBQ Sauce, Hot Sauce or Taco Sauce

BREAKFAST

Monday — Pizza, Juice.
Tuesday — Flap Sticks, Juice.
Wednesday — Blueberry Muffins, Juice.
Thursday — Ham Biscuit, Juice.
Friday — Waffle Sticks, Mixed Fruit.

LUNCH

Monday — Monday — Chicken Nuggets or Cheeseburger with Trimmings, Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Seasoned Green Beans, Pineapple Pleasure or Fruit Juice, Honey Wheat Roll or Crackers.
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Menus subject to change.

Second in Duck Stamp competition

P. J. Dysart

P. J. Dysart, a senior at St. Stanislaus, is the state second place winner in the 1998 Mississippi Junior Duck Stamp art competition.

Dysart's oil painting of a pair of male and female mallards will be forwarded to the Federal Duck Stamp Office to compete with all state winners for the national first, second and third place awards.

Dysart's artwork, titled "Romance in the Mist," was submitted by his art teacher, Dana Bordelon. The contest was at the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science March 21. Judges includes Sam Beibers, wildlife artist; Robert Jones, PhD, museum biologist; Karen Dierolf, museum wetlands educator; and Tom Williams PhD, Mississippi College.

More than 350 pieces of artwork representing 19 schools from throughout Mississippi were entered in the contest.

Computer technology at library

Discovery Quests and PC Extras will present a Technology Night, Mon., May 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Library Meeting Room.

Topics to include: Learn what to look for when buying a home computer. At what age should children be introduced to the computer? What type of software to buy. How to buy software that will benefit your child's educational future.

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Broken repetitive motion injuries are avoidable

Repetitive motion injuries are not limited to those who play golf or tennis, but can affect people in various other types of situations.

Lateral or medical epicondylitis, more commonly known as tennis and golf elbows, as well as carpal tunnel syndrome, are repetitive motion injuries which plague thousands of Americans annually.

When tendons stretching from the elbow to the wrist become irritated through overuse or improper use, they can become inflamed causing severe pain when extending the wrist or gripping.

Hancock Medical Center, in conjuctnion with Rehab One, recently hosted a free, public community education seminar discussing repetitive motion injuries. Occupatinal therapist Gertie Parker cited the following causes of lateral and medical epicondylitis:

— serving in tennis with too heavy a racket

— hitting heavy, wet tennis balls

— having an undersized grip on a tennis racket

— using a spin serve

— too much tension on the tennis racket strings

— having weak shoulder and hand muscles

— playing excessive golf

— pitching a baseball

— throwing the javelin

— carrying a heavy suitcase

Applying ice to the affected area is one form of at-home treament for these two afflictions.

"If you are using ice at home, be sure to test the area for sensitivity," said Parker. "Ice can burn the skin just as heat can."

Burns from ice can be avoided by placing at least one layer of dry toweling between the ice and the skin.

Carpal tunnel syndrome is also caused by improper repetitive motion and is often associated with the workplace.

Chronic overwork or excessive twisting can result in inflammation of the tendons used to close the fingers which causes painful selling in the carpal tunnel at the base of the hand.

Other contributing factors can include:

— constant typing

— sustained wrist flexion

— sustained pinch, as in writing

— grasping tools with small handles

— using vibrating tools

— repetitive wrist flexion/extension, as in fishing

"Sometimes just discontinuing the offending motion will alleviate the symptoms," Parker said.

"Others report that applying ice to the forearm and wrist while elevating the hands will decrease the pressure in the tunnel by decreasing the inflammation."

Parker also stressed the importance that all treatment should be performed under a doctor's supervision.

All repetitive motion syndromes are avoidable if the above causes are eliminated.

Once avoidance tactic for carpal tunnel syndrome is as simple as taking breaks when typing to stretch the hands approximately every 15 minutes and placing the keyboard in an upward position.

For more information on these topics, contact the MHC Rehab Department at 467-8725.

The proper grip

Occupational therapist Gertie Parker and Dr. Gary Wiley of Rehab One demonstrate the correct way to grip and swing a tennis racket to avoid repetitive motion injury known as tennis elbow.

Stroke is a medical emergency — call 911

Every 53 seconds, someone in the United States experiences a stroke. Every 3.3 minutes, someone dies of one.

Stroke, also known as brain attack, is the third leading cause of death behind diseases of the heart and cancer and is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability.

For Stroke Awareness Month this May, the American Heart Association wants everyone to know that when it comes to treating stroke, every second counts.

Theme for the Stroke Awareness Month is "Stoke Is a Medical Emergency — Call 911!"

Learn the risk factors and warning signs of stroke and get immediate medical help if one occurs. Here are the warning signs of brain attack:

— Sudden weakness or numbness of the face, arm or leg on one side of the body.

— Sudden dimness or loss of vision, particularly in one eye.

— Loss of speech, or trouble talking or understanding speech.

— Sudden, severe headache with no known or apparent cause.

— Unexplained dizziness, unsteadiness or sudden falls, especially along with any of the other listed stroke symptoms.

"Immediate medical attention is vital in reducing the injury to the brain when a stroke occurs," said David Lee Gordon, MD, president of the American Heart Association Mississippi Affiliate. "It can make all the difference between life or death and in the quality of life for a stroke survivor."

Stroke is largely preventable by practicing healthy lifestyle habits that reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke — controlling high blood pressure, maintaining healthy blood cholesterol levels, eating foods low in saturated fat and cholesterol, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, stopping smoking and getting regular medical check-ups.

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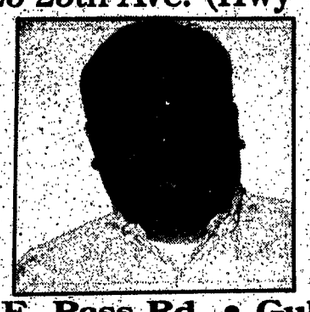

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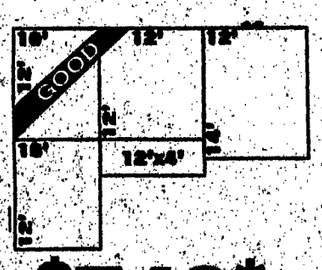

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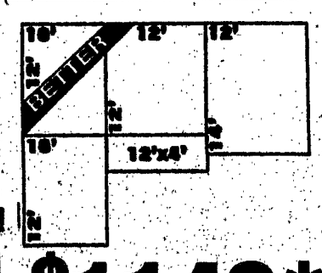

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BIRTHS

JOHN PATRICK CUNNINGHAM

Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Cunningham announce the birth of their first child, John Patrick, March 20, 1998 at 8:08 a.m. at MacDill Air Force Base Medical Center in Tampa, Fla.

He weighed 8 ponds, 10.3 ounces.

Mrs. Cunningham is the former Kelly Marie Kolodziej of Diamondhead.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John S. Kolodziej of Diamondhead.

Paternal grandparents are Mrs. Margaret Cunningham of Mt. Laurel, N.J. and the late Patrick Cunningham.

ELIZABETH SUZANNE PETERS

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Kenneth Peters of Orlando, Fla., announce the birth of their second child, Elizabeth Suzanne, April 25, 1998 at 8 a.m. at Florida Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mrs. Peters is the former Tracy Lyn Collins.

Maternal grandparents are Gerry D. Collins and Betty J. Collins of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Peggy Peters of Orlando and Edwards Peters of East Towas, Mich.

Maternal great-grandparents include Pearl B. Bordelon of Bay St. Louis and Ruby B. Ballard of Philadelphia, Miss.

Paternal great-grandparents include Margaret Haack of Orlando and Sarah Peters of Livonia, MIch.

Elizabeth Suzanne is welcomed by her sister Lea Nichole.

CHAZ WILLIAM GILL

Mr. and Mrs. James Gill of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Chaz Williams, April 2, 1998 at 8:23 a.m. at Memorial Medical Center in New Orleans.

He weighed 3 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mrs. Gill is the former Robin Beech.

Maternal grandparents are Henry and Patricia Spurlock of Bay St. Louis and Bobby Beech Sr. of Pass Christian.

Paternal grandparents are Terry and Dora Adams and David Gill of Bay St. Louis.

Great-grandparents include Wilma Beech and Willie Gill of Pass Christian.

LEIGHLAND MIRIAM WOOD

Mr. and Mrs. Jeffery Paul Wood of Diamondhead announce the birth of a daughter, Leighland Miriam, May 7, 1998 at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Mrs. Wood is the former Ann Damiens.

JORDYN E'MAISY DAJUAN TAYLOR AND JODY BRONWYN SACORRA TAYLOR

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Dewayne Taylor Sr. of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of twin girls, Jordyn E'Maisy Dajuan and Jody Bronwyn Sacorra, March 27, 1998 at 11:21 and 11:25 a.m., respectively, at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

Jordyn weighed 7 pounds.

Jody weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

Mrs. Taylor is the former Tanya Cora Mitchell of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal grandparents are Juanita Thompson Mitchell of Bay St. Louis and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Mitchell III of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. William (Juanita) Thompson and the late Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. (Eula) Mitchell Jr. and Agnes Jackson Know of Mobile, Ala.

Paternal grandparents are Cora Taylor of Boligee, Ala. and the late John Jones.

Paternal great-grandparents include Mrs. Mary Jones of Boligee, Ala., and the late Frank Jones, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Dave "Bully" Taylor.

Jordyn and Jody are welcomed by brothers Colby and Dave Jr.

JOHN MICHAEL LEE

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lee of Brandon, Miss., announce the birth of their first child, John Michael, April 27, 1998 at 7:14 a.m. at River Oaks East Hospital in Brandon.

He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Mrs. Lee is the former Leslie (Gigi) Staehle of Bay St. Louis.

Maternal grandparents are Charles and Vicky Staehle of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Rose Finley of Brandon and Joseph Lee Sr. of Dallas, Texas.

JARED NICHOLAS MUMME

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mumme IV of Lakeshore announce the birth of their second child, Jared Nicholas, April 8, 1998 at 9:04 a.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces.

Mrs. Mumme is the former Melanie A. Smith.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Grover Bridges of Mendenhall, Miss., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Thomasville, Ga.

Paternal grandparents are Ms. Nona Mumme and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mumme III of Waveland.

Great-grandparents include Mrs. Kate McCuiston of South Pittsburg, Tenn. and Mrs. Eva Mumme of New Orleans.

Jared is welcomed by his brother, Teddy.

Five generations

The arrival of Baileigh Hall of Saucier made it five generations in her family. She is held by her grandmother Sandra Moran of Bay St. Louis. Others in photo are, standing from left, William Thomas, great-grandfather of Biloxi; Mandy McNair, mother of Saucier; and Marie Thomas, great-great-grandmother of Shelbyville, Indiana.

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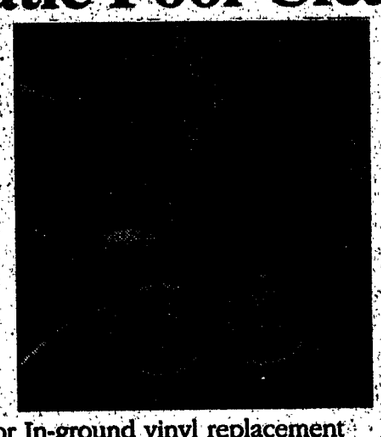

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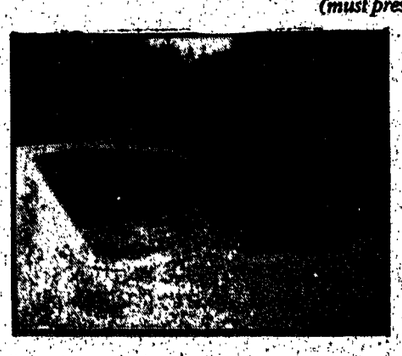

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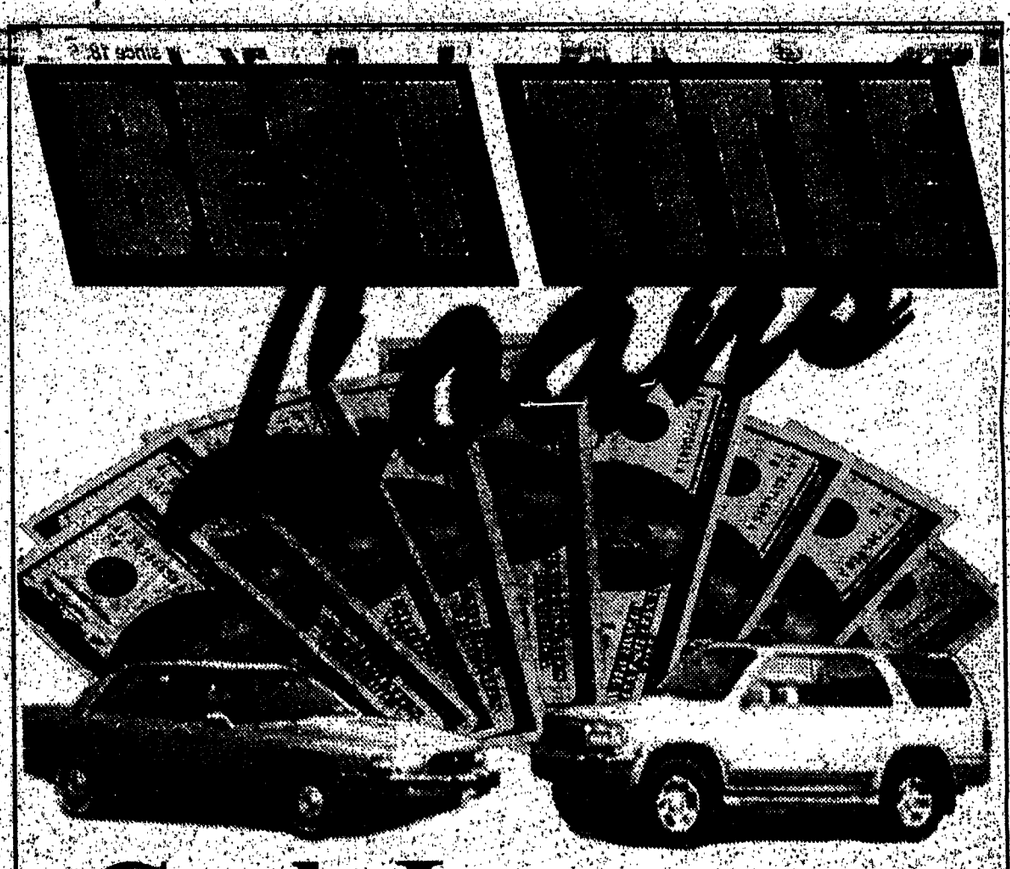

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SEAMAN DUPLESSIS

Navy Seaman Quincy J. Duplessis, son of Wanda D. and Joseph B. Piernas Sr. of Pass Christian, recently participated in a daring rescue at sea aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf.

Responding to a distress call from a merchant vessel burning off the coast of Crete, Sailors and Marines from Duplessis' ship organized an emergency fire fighting team to assist the ship's crew in controlling the blaze.

The 1997 graduate of Pass Christian High School joined the Navy in August 1997.

AIRMAN ROLLINS

Air Force Airman Derrick S. Rollins was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

Rollins is the son of William R. Rollins of Pass Christian.

Eagle Scout

Adam Michael Frierson recently completed his Eagle Scout project toward earning his Eagle Scout Award. His project consisted of the preparation for a painting of the Waveland Fire Department Training Center building. He was assisted by his fellow Scouts from Troop 208 of Bay St. Louis. Frierson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lee Williams of Bay St. Louis.

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The Blue Angels performed their first demonstration less than a year later in June 1946 — and you can see the 1998 Blue Angels demonstration team Sunday, May 24 at Naval Air Station, Meridian.

The "Wings Over Meridian '98" air show will feature the Blue Angels exhibiting the choreographed refinements of Navy-trained flying skills. Their demonstration presents the graceful, aerobatic maneuvers of the four-plane "diamond" and the fast-paced high performance maneuvers of the solo pilots in the number five and six jets. It also spotlights all six jets performing together in the renowned delta formation.

Also sure to be a crowd pleaser will be the Jet Assisted Take Off by Fat Albert, the name affectionately given to the squadron's C-130. Eight solid-fuel rockets attached to the sides of the C-130 help Fat Albert take off in less than 1,500 feet, climb at an angle of 45 degrees and attain an altitude of 1,000 feet in minimum time.

Other aircraft performing include the jet training aircraft presently in use at NAS Meridian. The "Attack Frogs" will be flying their T-2C "Buckeyes," and the "Strike Eagles" will soar in their TA-4J "Skyhawks."

The Blue Angels, based in Pensacola, Fla., will fly 68 air shows at 36 locations in the United States and Canada during the 1998 season. The squadron spends January through March at Naval Air Facility, El Centro, Calif., training pilots and new crew members.

The mission of the Blue Angels is to enhance the Navy recruiting effort, to represent the naval service to the civilian community, its elected leadership and to foreign nations. Overall, the Blue Angels serve as positive role models and goodwill ambassadors for the Navy.

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TOPS WAVELAND 233

TOPS MS #233 Waveland met Tuesday, May 12 at the Waveland Public Library. Best losers for the week were Elizabeth and Leonard with 6.75 pounds each. Best KOPS loser was Kathy. There were 24 members present.

Judy won both the prize and the Incentive Award. A new contest was started. Pat continued her program on planning success. Debbie will present the program next week. Members are asked to record miles walked to earn ribbons.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

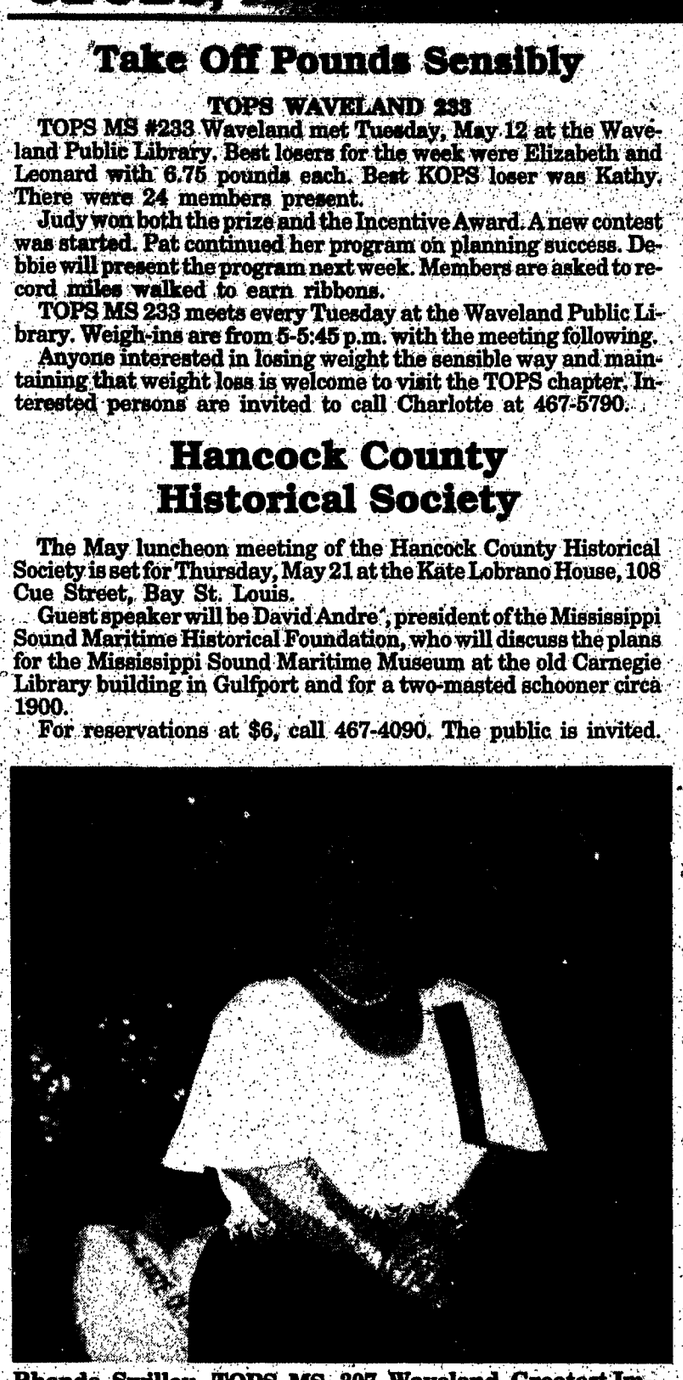
Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Hancock County Historical Society

The May luncheon meeting of the Hancock County Historical Society is set for Thursday, May 21 at the Kate Lobrano House, 108 Cue Street, Bay St. Louis.

Guest speaker will be David Andre', president of the Mississippi Sound Maritime Historical Foundation, who will discuss the plans for the Mississippi Sound Maritime Museum at the old Carnegie Library building in Gulfport and for a two-masted schooner circa 1900.

For reservations at $6, call 467-4090. The public is invited.



Rhonda Swilley, TOPS MS 307, Waveland, Greatest Improvement Contest winner.

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The 1998 MS State Recognition Days committee include Joycielyn Nameth, admiral; Shirley Smith, second in command; Azoline Smith, Data Systems officer; Ruth Jenny, financial interpreter; all of TOPS MS 298, Picayune, and Area Captain Nanna Reece, special consultant, welcomed the Take Off Pounds Sensibly members of the MS Gulf Coast for their annual convention.

Aliens descended with the theme of "Reach For the Stars." A Siamese alien from MS 190, d'Iberville and #307 Waveland took top honors for participation in the alien parade.

The banner voted most popular was one created to coordinate with the aliens from #307 Waveland. Tied for second place was #233 Waveland in the banner vote.

Karen Thompson of #190 d'Iberville was crowned MS State TOPS queen with her loss of 88.25 pounds, and Sid Strouse of #19 Ocean Springs was honored as state king with his loss of 23 pounds to goal.

Strouse will represent Mississippi at the upcoming international TOPS convention next month in Milwaukee, Wis., the home of TOPS.

Richard Jaxheimer of #294, Latimer, was named king runner-up, while Alberta Holland of #293, Lucedale, was honored as queen runner-up with her loss of 83.50 pounds.

The Coast division winners who received special recognition for their losses during 1997 are Jim Eyler, #281, Ocean Springs, with a loss of 29.75 pounds; Jaxheimer with a loss of 13.25 pounds; Audrey McAtee of #190 d'Iberville, with a loss of 89 pounds; Margene Arceneaux of #19, Ocean Springs, for a loss of 83.25 pounds; Thompson with a loss of 85.25 pounds; Karen Niolet of #233, Waveland, with a loss of 42 pounds, Kathy Estapa, #233, Waveland, with a loss of 16.75 pounds; Amy Lynn Felts of #19, Ocean Springs, with a loss of 44 pounds, and Christina Jones, also of d'Iberville, for a loss of 10.50 pounds.

MS TOPS coordinator presented Margene Arceneaux as a 1997 TOPS Greatest Improvement International winner as well as the MS KOPS Charm and Beauty winner.

Rhonda Swilley of #307, Waveland, was recognized as the 1997 MS Greatest Improvement winner.

Regional Director Nancy Best of Owensboro, Ky., presented diplomas to 30 KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly) who had reached their physician-set goal weight during the Circle of Light.

Special recognition by MS TOPS Coordinator Carolyn Kinabrew of Biloxi was presentation of K-charms to KOPS who stayed in leeway all year long.

Sue Wilson of #214, Biloxi, received a 15-year necklace for maintaining her status for that many years, along with Ruth Jenny of #298, Picayune, 10 years; and Della Delancey, #281, Ocean Springs, and Marie Pope, #219, Biloxi, 5 years.

The Moon Rock Award was given to TOPS MS 270, Columbus AFB for traveling the greatest combined miles for their members.

Rhonda Swilley, #207, Waveland, was presented a Century Club medallion for having successfully lost 100 pounds and kept it off for over a year. Other Century Club alumni recognized were Ruby Tillman, #35, Pascagoula, and Lisa Nabor, #190, d'Iberville.

TOP MS 19, Ocean Springs, received recognition for having lost an average of 10.06 pounds per member during 1997.

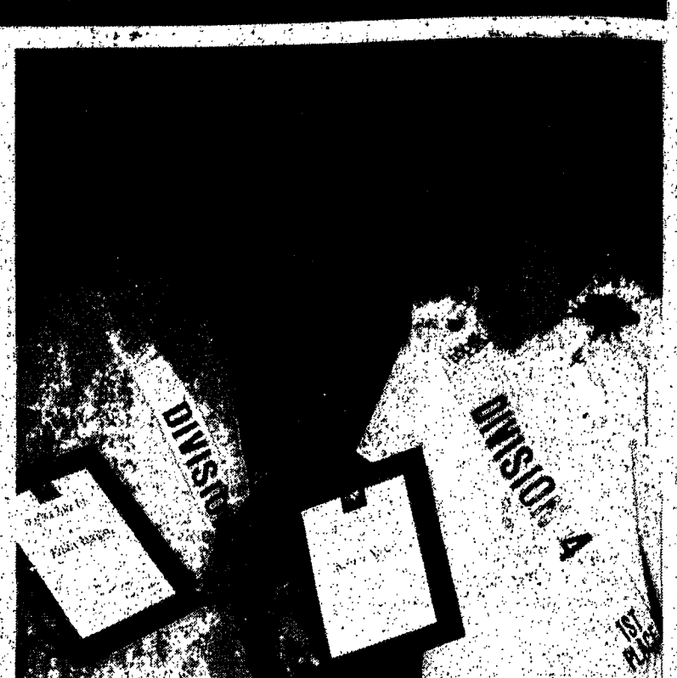
Some 550 attendees were invited to Laurel April 30-May 1, 1999 for the next convention by the 1999 SRD committee at the conclusion of the meetings.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

TOPS WAVELAND 307

TOPS Chapter MS 307 Waveland met Wednesday, May 13 at the Waveland Public Library. The club welcomed a new member, Darlene.

Marie was the week's best loser with 2 pounds. Deidre was presented a charm for losing six weeks in a row. The Incentive Award



Kathy Estapa, left, and Karen Niolet

was presented to Ms. Myrt. Club members were reminded to drink at least eight eight-ounce glasses of water per day for the contest.

TOPS' web address is http://www.tops.org log on for loads of into. The weight loss chapter promotes enthusiasm, recognition, understanding and encourages sensible eating habits. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at the Waveland Public Library. Weigh-ins are from 4:45-5:30 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and/or maintaining weight loss is welcome to visit the chapter.

Call Ruth at 466-9880 for information.

Gulf Coast MS Society

The Mississippi Gulf Coast MS Society will meet May 23 at 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn on Hwy. 49, just south of I-10.

For information, call the MS hotline at 396-9777.

AARP Chapter 1114

The Hancock County AARP Chapter 1114 will meet Monday, May 18 at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post 77 on Coleman Avenue in Waveland.

Guest speaker will Waveland Mayor John Mason.

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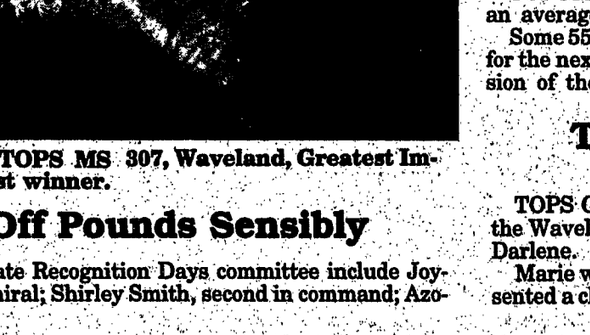

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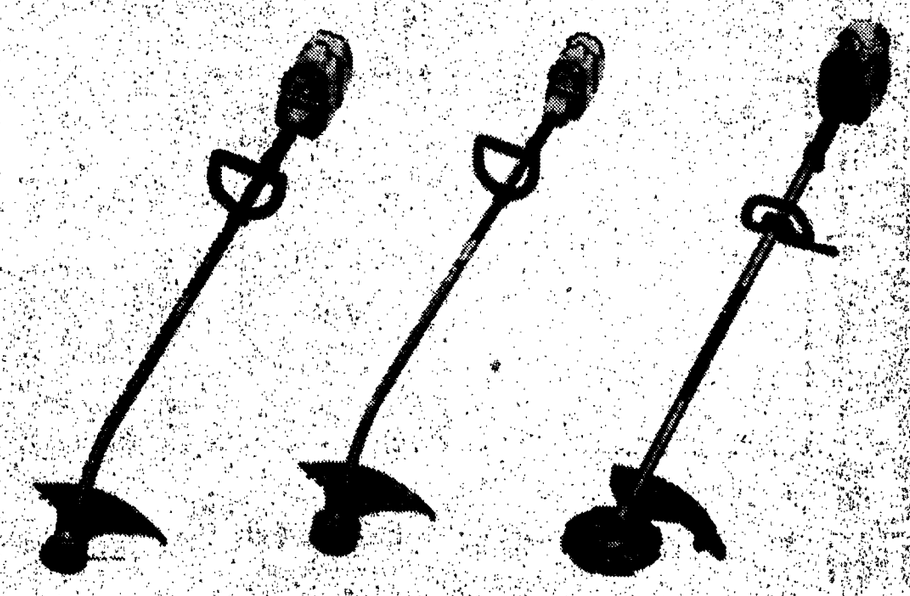

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Denham and Strong recognized by VFW

Bay St. Louis Police Corporal Paul Denham and Fireman Monty Strong were recently recognized by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253, Bay St. Louis.

Strong, a Bay St. Louis fireman since 1996, recently finished his basic fire fighting training and certification program at the Mississippi State Fire Academy and was named Fireman of the Year for Bay St. Louis.

The award presentation on May 2 is Strong's first time to be recognized by a local civic organization for his contributions to the safety of the citizens of Bay St. Louis. Strong is the son of Raymond Strong and Barbara T. Redding, both of Bay St. Louis.

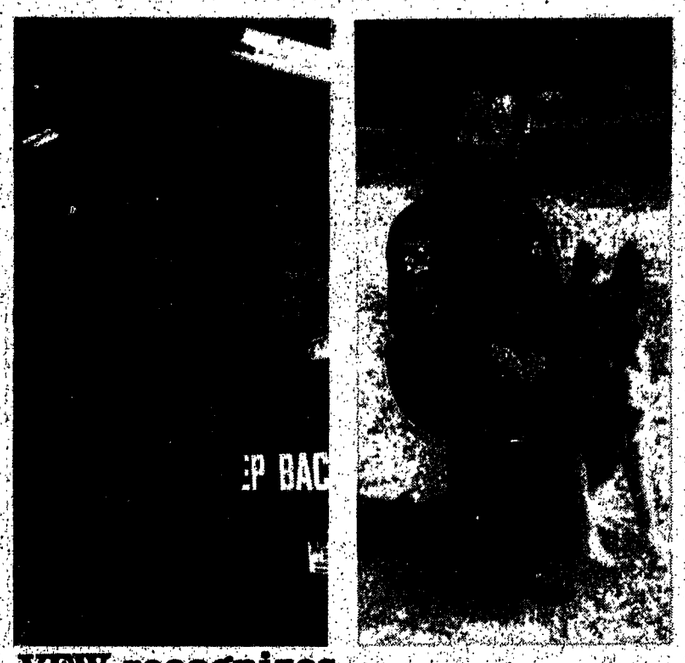
Corporal Paul Denham has been a member of the Bay St. Louis Police Department since 1994. Denham was recognized for his third time by the VFW as Police Officer of the Year for Bay St. Louis. He was first recognized in 1996.

Since his first award he has become the K-9 specialist for the Bay PD. Denham and his German shepherd partner, Zaro, work with multi-jurisdictional drug interdiction agencies as well as regular patrol within the city.

Denham often visits local schools with Zaro to help children understand the dangers of using, carrying or storing drugs of any kind. Denham is married and the father of two children.

Both Denham and Strong were given awards acknowledging "special recognition and highest praise for alertness, personal courage and ever efficient guardianship of life and property" by VFW Commander Eugene Schloegel.

"The City of Bay St. Louis appreciates the efforts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars to recognize outstanding service by local police officers and firemen. We are especially proud of Paul for his third consecutive award. He sets a high standard of achievement for his department. As a young fireman we are confident that Monty will continue to excel in his professional field," said Mayor Eddie Favre.



VFW recognizes

Bay St. Louis Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3253 named Bay St. Louis Fireman of the Year, Monty Strong, left, and Police Officer of the Year, Paul Denham, and his partner Zaro. (Photos by Jimmy Loiacano).

Magnolia State Volkssport Club

The 44th International Volksmarch for the Magnolia State Volkssport Club (a Gulf Coast walking club) will be Saturday, May 16 in Bay St. Louis in conjunction with National Physical Fitness and Sports Month.

The event is designed for fun and fitness. Participants walk at their own pace without competition. Family participation is encouraged. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Pets must be kept on a leash.

Registration is 8 a.m.-noon at the MarkeTown Shopping Center. All participants must be finished by 3 p.m.

There is a 10KM trail that will take participants past some of Bay St. Louis' historical points of interest and along the beautiful waterfront area.

The walk is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association. Walkers may walk for credit or for non-credit. Refreshments will be offered for sale at the start/finish.

The club conducts non-competitive walking events for people of all ages and has four year-round events, in Biloxi, Ocean Springs, Bay St. Louis and Mobile.

For information, call Neal Gambler at (601) 872-3059 or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Magnolia State Volkssport Club, P.O. Box 731, Biloxi, MS 39533.

Gem, mineral and jewelry show

The Harrison County Gem and Mineral Society Inc. announces its sponsorship of the 20th annual Harrison County Gem, Mineral and Jewelry Show at the Rice Pavilion in Gulfport.

Show dates and times will be Friday, June 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, June 20, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Sunday, June 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The show will include educational exhibits, working demonstrators, gem, mineral and fossil dealers, as well as dealers in tools equipment and jewelry making supplies and instructional books.

Admission is free.

Talent scouts seek models

Tony Perkins (Next Models, N.Y.) and Mike Beaty (MB Model & Talent) will be in the Food Court area of the Edgewater Mall 4-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20 looking for new faces and talent, age 4 through adult.

Both are highly respected and have spent many years in the industry.

Perkins travels throughout the world looking for "new models" for the upcoming markets. He recently returned from China where he spent two weeks scouting for top models. He will be looking for both guys and girls.

Beaty will be scouting for models as well as actors, vocalists and dancers. He has been instrumental in paving the way for Color Campus talent going to N.Y. and other major markets.

There is no charge. Everyone must bring a photo (snapshot is ok). Photos cannot be returned.

The talent search is the courtesy of Color Campus Model & Talent, Biloxi, and the Edgewater Mall.

For information call Rosemary Saunders at 388-2465.

Governor proclaims Buckle Up America Week

Gov. Kirk Fordice has proclaimed May 18-25 as Buckle Up America Week in Mississippi.

The governor noted that "increasing safety belt use is still the single most effective way to save lives and reduce injuries in crashes on Mississippi's roadways."

However, only 48 percent of Mississippi motorists are buckling up. The southeastern average is 61 percent, and the national average is 69 percent.

Fordice also noted that "inpatient hospital care costs for unbuckled crash victims are 50 percent higher than those who are buckled, and 85 percent of those costs are borne by society."

Ron Sennett, executive director, Mississippi Division of Public Safety Planning, noted that "of the 861 traffic fatalities in 1997, 76.7 percent of the drivers, 69.9 percent of the front-seat passengers and 78.3 percent of the back-seat passengers were not using occupant protection devices such as safety belts and child restraint.

"Our studies indicate that more than 355 lives could be saved each year by using these devices.

"In a motor vehicle crash," Sennett said, "there actually are three collisions . . . the vehicle's collision, the human collision and the human body's internal collision.

"At the moment if impact," he said, "unbelted occupants still are traveling at the vehicle's original speed. Just after the vehicle comes to a complete stop, these unbelted occupants, in vehicles not equipped with air bags, are thrown into the vehicle's interior surfaces such as the windshield, into each other or out of the vehicle onto an exterior surface such as the pavement. This is the human collision.

"Even after the occupant's body comes to a complete stop, the internal organs still are moving," Sennett said. "Suddenly, these organs hit other organs or the skeletal system. This third collision, the internal collision, often causes considerable and potentially fatal injuries.

"Although air bags can save lives," he noted, "it's extremely important that safety belts also be used in air bag-equipped vehicles and that children under the age of 12 ride in the back seat.

"With or without air bags in the vehicle, the right front seat is a dangerous position for children," Sennett said.

Over the past two years, 21 children in the right front seat were killed, and 12 of these were using occupant protective devices. Effective July 1, Mississippi law will require that all children under the age of 8 in all seating positions be buckled into age appropriate protection devices.

"Air bags are supplemental protection," he explained, "and are not designed to deploy in all crashes. They do not replace safety belts, even in frontal crashes, because using safety belts with the air bags keeps the motorist in place to gain maximum benefits from the air bags and in place after the impact.

Frontal air bags are not designed to inflate in side, rear or rollover crashes. In these crashes, as in all crashes, a safety belt is the best protection.

"If you're not in habit of buckling up, Buckle Up, America Week would be a good time," Sennett said, "to begin this potentially lifesaving habit."

UM graduates

Two students from Hancock County were among 1,494 candidates for graduation from the University of Mississippi at the conclusion of the spring semester.

They are Heather Leigh Kopf of Kiln, bachelor of arts degree; and Susan Michelle Easterling of Pearlington, juris doctor.

WEDDINGS

Smith-Ladner

Mr. and Mrs. Travis Smith

Betty "Joanna" Ladner of Pass Christian and Travis Allen Smith, also of Pass Christian, were united in marriage April 25, 1998 in an afternoon ceremony in First Baptist Church of DeLisle with Steve Peterman officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Ladner Jr. of Pass Christian.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith of Pass Christian.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

For the occasion the bride selected a white dress decorated with a bow in the back and white roses in front. Her headpiece was fashioned of white roses, and she carried a bouquet of white flowers interspersed with navy-blue and pink roses.

Organist was Mike Ramsey.

Matron of honor was Sabrina Preston.

Ring bearer was Trevor A. Smith, son of the couple.

Best man was Kirk Ladner, and usher was Wayne Smith.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Harrison Central and is employed with Memorial Hospital at Gulfport as a painter.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Hancock High School.

A reception followed the ceremony in the fellowship hall of the church.

The couple will reside in Pass Christian.

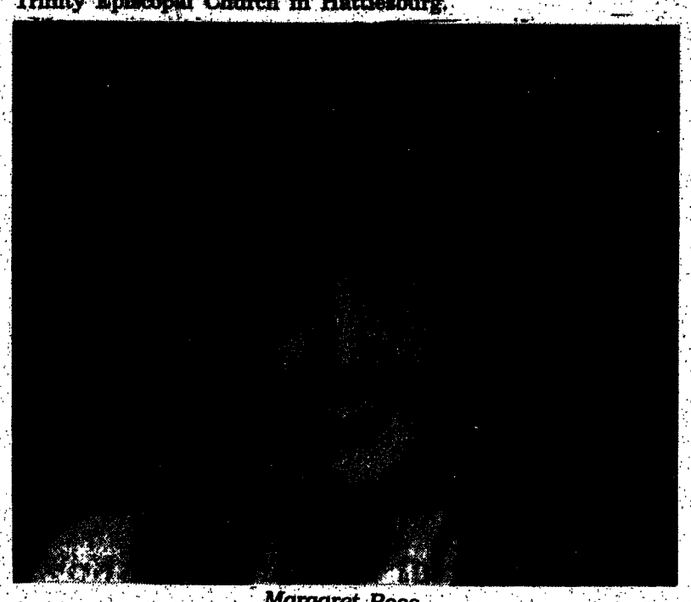
Ross-Bounds

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond L. Ross of Hattiesburg announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Margaret Suzanne Ross, to Randall A. Bounds, son of Mrs. Betty Bounds of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a 1994 North Forrest High School graduate and will graduate this May from the University of Southern Mississippi where she is president of Phi Chi Theta honorary business fraternity and a member of the Business Student Advisory Council. She is employed with Wright, King & Company, P.A. in Hattiesburg.

The prospective groom is a 1993 Bay High School graduate and attended the University of Southern Mississippi. He is employed with Sack-N-Save No. 24 in Pearl, Miss.

The wedding will take place June 6, 1998 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Hattiesburg, followed by a reception at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hattiesburg.



Margaret Ross

Latino-Rutherford

Charlana Latino and Johnny Rutherford

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Latino Jr. of Franklin, Tenn., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Charlana Latino, to Johnny Rutherford, son of Dr. and Mrs. John D. Rutherford III of Bay St. Louis.

The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of of Franklin (Tenn.) High School and received a degree in elementary education from Mississippi State University.

Her grandparents are Edna Mae Morel and Arthur J. Morel Sr. of Buras, La.; Pauline Grace Latino of Hammond and the late Russell Latino Sr. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Warren Gilbert Sr. of Bay St. Louis.

The prospective groom is a St. Stanislaus graduate and a 1997 graduate of Mississippi State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in business.

His grandparents include John David Rutherford Jr. and the late Rosemary Rutherford, Beryl Kidd and the late Lucien Kidd.

The wedding will take place June 20, 1998 at 2 p.m. in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Ellis-Seawright

Shantel Ellis and Thomas Seawright

Mary and Frank T. Ellis Jr. of Kiln announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Shantel Lynn Ellis, to Thomas Waylon Seawright, son of Judith Schwartz of Bay St. Louis and Otis Bilbo of Pass Christian.

The bride-elect is a Hancock High School graduate and is employed with Tony's Quick Stop.

The prospective groom is also a Hancock High School graduate and is employed with Roxco.

The marriage will take place June 6, 1998 at 2 p.m. in Catahoula Baptist Church, Hwy. 43.

A reception will follow at the VFW Hall in Kiln.

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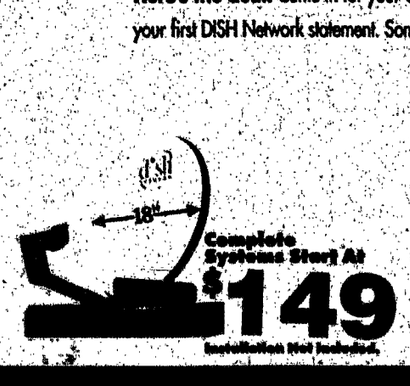

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Miller-Guenard

Gretchen Miller and Hayward Guenard

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Miller of Norwich, Conn., announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gretchen Lynne Miller, to Hayward Brett Guenard, son of Mr. Hamilton P. Guenard of Waveland and Mrs. Margaret Marie Bernard of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Norwich Free Academy and received BA degree in 1995 from Lynchburg College where she is presently working on her M.Ed.

She is coordinator of freshman programs at Lynchburg College.

The prospective groom is a Bay High School graduate and a 1959 graduate of University of Southern Mississippi with a BS degree, and a 1991 graduate of University of Georgia with a M.Ed degree.

He is assistant dean of students at Lynchburg College.

The wedding will take place July 11, 1998 at 4 p.m. in Snidow Chapel, Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Va.

Necaise-Richard

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Benjamin Necaise

Tina Marie Richard of Bay St. Louis and Forrest Benjamin Necaise were united in marriage March 28, 1998 in an evening ceremony at Jourdan River Shores Clubhouse with Justice of the Peace Philip Moran officiating.

The bride is a daughter of Catherine Cleary Richard of Diamondhead.

The groom's parents are Forrest Burnell Necaise and Agnes Bourn Necaise of Bay St. Louis.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Bay High School. She attended Mississippi State Universiry and University of Southern Mississippi.

The groom attended Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Ricky J. Richard.

For the occasion the bride selected an ivory Alfred Angelo gown with a six-foot train. The bodice was embellished with pearls and sequins, and the satin skirt was floor-length. Her pearl headpiece featured a waist-length veil. She carried a bouquet of mini calla lilies and porcelain roses in forest green and burgundy.

Maid of honor was Tisha Baldwin.

Bridesmaids included J. Denay Bordelon, Angel Lee, Angela Necaise and Rebecca Necaise.

Junior bridesmaid was Jessica Cleary, and junior groomsman was Matthew Lee.

Best man was Forrest Burnell Necaise, father of the groom.

Groomsmen included Jewel (Buddy) Bourn III, Ross Janckila, E. Wayne Lee and L. Scott Rogers.

A reception followed the ceremony.

A bridal shower was hosted March 8 by the mother of the bride and maid of honor.

A crawfish boil was hosted by the groom's parents.

After a honeymoon trip to Gattlinburg, Teen., the couple will reside in Kiln.

Marine Education Center offers teacher scholarships

Full scholarships to a 14-day introduction to oceanography and coastal sciences this summer are available to qualified teachers of the Gulf and South Atlantic regions, said Sharon H. Walker, administrator of the J. L. Scott Marine Education Center and Aquarium.

Walker is recruiting teachers from Puerto Rico and coastal states from South Carolina to Texas for the "Operation Pathfinder" program scheduled for June 14-30 at the J. L. Scott.

The program equips teachers to bring ocean science into the classroom. Now in its fifth year, the nationwide program has expanded from a focus on elementary and middle school teachers to include high school teachers and undergraduate teachers in training. The program especially seeks to involve teachers of predominantly minority students.

The scholarship program provides tuition, room and board, a stipend, partial travel expense and teaching resources.

The course is one of six regional Operation Pathfinder summer institutes.

Walker said all institutes are taken for academic credit and emphasize field work and hands-on learning that is intellectually intense and at times physically demanding. Pathfinder participants will return to their districts armed with lesson plans and staff development programs they have created as part of their study of place tectonics, deep sea technologies, marine and aquatic habitats and resources and other marine-related topics.

Walker emphasized that applications will be accepted from qualified teachers until all positions are filled.

"To be selected, a teacher must commit to giving something back," Walker said. "Each teacher must commit to fulfilling course requirements and to passing along what he or she will learn to students and fellow teachers."

The Office of Naval Research through the National Ocean Partnership Program make the expansion possible with a grant awarded competitively to members of the consortium COAST, an acronym for Consortium for Oceanographic Activities for Students and Teachers.

Mississippi State will launch its COAST component, called STARBORD, in June with six workshops for high school teaches held in conjunction with Operation Pathfinder. An acronym for Stimulating Teachers About Resources For Broad Oceanographic Research Delivery, the STARBORD component uses computer technologies to help high school teachers and students translate data on ocean topography, temperature and marine life into three-dimensional visual images.

A third COAST component is St. Norbert College's Ocean Voyagers program that features development of interdisciplinary curriculum materials, World Wide Web page construction and teachers-to-sea programs.

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Navy making a splash for science and math at OLA

In honoring the Navy with the "Navy Day at Our Lady Academy," OLA had the opportunity to promote math and science education and a Navy career. The Navy Day took place May 8 beginning with a 7:30 a.m. breakfast.

The event included RADM Kenneth Barbor, Commander, Naval Meteorology and Oceanography Command (COMNAVMETOCCOM), Sister Donella Hartman, OLA's staff and faculty and speakers from both COMNAVMETOCCOM and the Naval Oceanographic Office.

"Our Lady Academy has long been blessed with backing by the Navy at Stennis," wrote Sister Donella Hartman, RSM, principal of the Bay St. Louis school in a letter to RADM Kenneth Barbor.

The Command adopted OLA through the Navy Partnership in Education Program (PEP). The school is a Catholic high school for young women, grades 7-12. With a college preparatory curriculum, OLA reports a graduation rate of 100 percent.

Naval personnel spoke on math, oceanography, meteorolgy, physical science, mapping and charting, various other scientific topics and their jobs. A few topics were "Becoming a Physical Scientist," "Life at Sea," "El Nino from Space Computers and Internet make Weather Guessing a Breeze," "The Year of the Ocean," and "From Seals to Submarines." Students were given an opportunity to ask questions and learn more about each topic.

For information about "Navy Day at OLA," contact Sister Elisa Bauman at OLA at 228-467-7048 or B. J. Dauro at COMNAVMETOCCOM at 228-688-4518.

SSC Students of the Month

St. Stanislaus named six students of the Month for April. They include, from left, seventh grader Ben Benventutti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Benvenutti of Bay St. Louis; sophomore Marc Cerisier, son of Mrs. Mary Cerisier of Kiln; eighth grader Charlie Floyd, son of Mrs. Laura Floyd of Gulfport; junior Michael Dauro, son of Mrs. B. J. Dauro of Long Beach; freshman Michael Carter, son of Dr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Carter of Pass Christian; and senior Greg Gordy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Gordy of Kenner. The students are chosen on the basis of sincerity, respect, courtesy, cooperation, effort, service, moral character and achievement.

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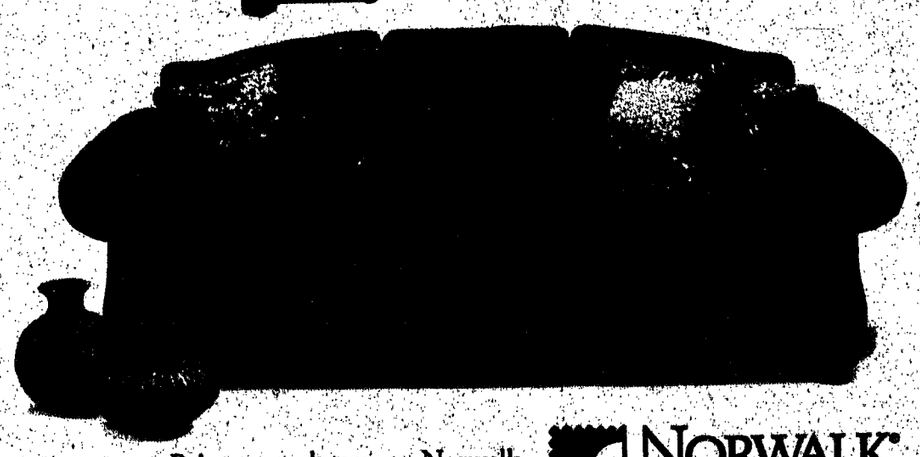

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Tenth Grade: Jamie Allen, Aaron Dunklin, Tyson Klein, Will Seemann, Abbey Williams.

Eleventh Grade: Eleanore Bernadas, Chris Dauterive, Dara DeGerolamo, Charlie Doty, Crissy Martello, Olivia Willis.

National Honor Society inducts USM students

Twenty-two University of Southern Mississippi students from the Gulf Coast area were inducted into Gamma Beta Phi national honor society April 22.

About 230 USM students accepted an invitation to join Gamma Beta Phi this spring, bringing the campus chapter's membership to about 400 students this year.

The Oak Ridge, Tenn.-based organization, open to students ranking in the top 20 percent of their class, stresses academic excellence, community service and good character.

Inductees from this are include:

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Rene' Smith, 45, a graduate student in educational administration and supervision, husband of Elaine Smith.

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Raymond Pemberton, 24, a sophomore accounting major, husband of Jennifer Pemberton.

USA scholarships

The University of South Alabama has awarded a total of $2,000 in scholarships, beginning in the fall semester of 1998, to two graduates of Hancock High School. Rafael J. Gonzales III has been awarded a one-time $1,000 scholarship and plans to major in engineering. Mary Ann Garriga has been awarded a one-time $1,000 scholarship and plans to major in biomedical sciences. Pictured, from left, are Nancy Smith, counselor; Mary Ann Garriga; and Dr. J. David Stearns, associate vice president for enrollment services at University of Alabama. Not pictured is Rafael Gonzales.

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A far more profound sacrifice was made by Jesus Christ. He died on a cross to pay for the sins of people like you and me. We often memorialize His death in Communion or the Lord's Supper. Faith in His heroism procures spiritual liberty and eternal life.

The two commemorations blend. When we attend Memorial Day services at the local cemetery and decorate the graves, a former military chaplain may say a few words. Flags adorn many graves. They mark the final resting place of veterans.

Under each of the markers a body rests from the cares and battles of life in this world. The minister or chaplain may remind us the grave is the final resting place of the body. It is not the ultimate resting place of the soul. He may then recite these words form Revelation 14:13, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on! Yes, says the Spirit, so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

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This week's clue: T equals K

Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Psalms 5:4 Copyright 1998 Charles Marx 98-20

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All are welcome to come and find new and old treasures on June 6.

Coast Choral sets two performances

The Coast Choral will make appearances at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Pass Christian, and also Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Bay St. Louis.

On Sunday, May 17, 3 p.m., the Choral will be at St. Paul's for a concert and on Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m., they will perform at Our Lady of the Gulf with a dinner concert. The OLG Choir will also perform at the dinner concert.

Coast Choral has some 50 members from across the Mississippi Gulf Coast with many being from Hancock County.

The *Master Works* series is being presented at each performance.

The Coast Choral recently performed in Carnegie Hall, New York and Vienna, Austria, where they were invited to the Christmas Festival.

The Choral's director is Joy Mehrtens of Bay St. Louis.

Eric Clark shuts down fraudulent bingo charity

Secretary of State Eric Clark has permanently revoked the registration of a Crystal Springs bingo operation, Mississippi Wildlife Conservation, Inc., and imposed a hefty penalty for violations of the state's charities laws.

"Mississippi Wildlife Conservation took advantage of the state's charitable bingo laws to operate a private hunting camp," Clark said. "It appears to have been a scam from the beginning, and now they're out of business and facing substantial fines."

Under the order issued by Clark's office, Mississippi Wildlife Conservation Inc., is no longer a registered charity and faces administrative penalties of $59,189.

Mississippi Wildlife Conservation was formed as a nonprofit corporation in September 1993. It did not begin proceedings to register as a charity until December 1994. According to documents filed with the Internal Revenue Service, the organization was purportedly "devoted to the preservation (and) development of better wildlife (and) wildlife habitat for the future, to include engangered species."

In reality, the group, controlled by Daniel Addy, now deceased, and his wife Carolyn, took in $1.8 million in bingo proceeds in fiscal year 1996 to operate a personal hunting camp. Revenue from the bingo was used to purchase deer stands, cellular phones and a bulldozer. No money was given to charity.

The administrative order issued by Clark's office reads: "Essentially, all real and personal property purchased, leased or paid for by Mississippi Wildlife with charitable contributions was used for hunting and other personal activities by members of the Addy family and their invitees."

"This is a clear example of how we enforce Mississippi's charities laws," Clark said. "At every turn this group sought to evade the law. I hope this case sends a clear signal that we expect bingo halls to support bona fide charities as the law required."

From its initial registration, Mississippi Wildlife Conservation ran into disciplinary problems. Their initial charitable registration was incomplete. The Secretary of State's Office issued two separate cease-and-desist orders for failure to file audited financial statements.

And, most importantly, "Mississippi Wildlife corporate officers and members have expended charity funds for equipment, goods, services and other items that are either wholly unrelated to any charitable purpose, stated or otherwise, or were not actually used in any significant way for a charitable purpose," the Secretary of State's order states.

The $59,189 in fines represents 10 percent of the bingo's gross revenue from Aug. 6, 1998 through Dec. 31, 1998.

Under state law, most groups operating bingo halls must be registered as a charitable organization with the Secretary of State's Office. All large charities, including those operating bingo halls, must file audited financial statements. These documents are required by law to ensure the public is informed about how much money actually benefits the people a charity purports to help, Clark said.

For a complete copy of the Secretary of State's order revoking certificate of registration and imposing administrative penalty, or for more information, contact David Blound at the Secretary of State's Office (601-359-6342).

Landscape symposium set at Crosby Arboretum

The Sustainable Southern Landscape Symposium will take place 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at the Crosby Arboretum in Picayune.

The program includes a seafood lunch and social mixer. Also, displays of the latest landscape products will be exhibited.

Program costs are $20 per person (including lunch) and the registration deadline has been extended to May 27.

Seven noted speaker will present on a host of ecological topics including: How to Create a Sustainable Landscape, Native Plants You Need to Know, Human Effects on Natural Lands, Biotechniology in Design, Sustainability in Urban Designs, and Architectural Design and Sustainability.

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OVER 300 FT. WATERFRONT, off Jourdan River. Boat slip, boat ramp, 3 bay boathouse, boats included. 2 BR/1 BA, fully furnished mobile home in good condition. ERA 1-yr. Home Warranty. ERA-Bayshore Realty, ask for Mark. 466-4410.

150 Unfurn. Houses For Rent

1 BEDROOM HOUSE, $220/monthly, $220/deposit. 467-5865.

LOOKING FOR A RENTAL? CALL USI Ashman Molere Realty Incorporated. 467-5454.

OLDE TOWN BSL: 2 BR/1 BA duplex; 1 block to beach, patio, ac/heat, hook-ups, quiet neighborhood, off-street parking. Pet-free/smoke-free environment. $400/mo, lease & deposit 467-1380.

2 BR/1 BA IN WAVELAND, close to beach. Pet-free environment. $450/mo. Key Properties Inc. ask for Carol. 467-0600.

TWO BEDROOM, ONE BATH, Bayside Park. $400/month, $400/deposit, 1 year lease. 466-9361 or (504)433-4593.

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT, pet-free, $400/month, $400/deposit. 467-6501.

VERY SPECIAL RAISED 2 BDRM WATERFRONT home, cntl h/air, covered porch overlooking the river. Boathouse w/ hoist, screened downstairs, appliances furnished. Smoke-free, pet-free please. $750/mo. Key Properties Inc. Ask for Carol, 467-0600.

153 Real Estate Wanted

OCEANOGRAPHER NEEDS ROOM OR SMALL apartment in Bay St. Louis area. 688-4954

156 Lots/Acreage

9 TO 16 ACRE TRACTS, 12 MILES East of Picayune on paved road. No mobile homes. $25,996, $1,000/down, $300/mo. 467-6348.

★★★★ CLERMONT HARBOR, LAKES S/D, near beach, beautiful 3+ acre lots on lake, 10 minutes to Wellman, shopping, off N. Railroad Ave. between Clermont and Lakeshore RR crossings. $12,000. 466-0688.

FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL HILLY lot in great location in Diamondhead, $4,700. 467-4820.

HANCOCK COUNTY, SHORELINE PARK on Mallard Drive. 150x100 bayou side lot. 3 lots in one. Brand new bulkhead with access to the Jordan River. $45,000 or negotiable (willing to make a good deal). 228-467-4024 or (504)879-4882.

LOTS FOR SALE IN JOURDAN RIVER SHORES. Owner financing. 255-1109.

158 Commercial Property

CHOCTAW VILLAGE: OFFICE & RETAIL space available. Talk to Gary T. Gilmore. 255-4396.

COAST PLAZA, corner of Highway 90 and McLaurin Avenue, ideal location for your office or retail business. New construction. Various unit sizes available. 228-466-3338.

FOR LEASE - GREAT HWY OFFICE/ BUSINESS LOCATION. 1,000 sq.ft. w/ large Lighted Hwy sign. NEWLY RENOVATED, CENTRALLY LOCATED in Bay St. Louis. 467-8169.

HIGHWAY 90 OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE - Hancock Square, 1,100 sq. ft., available June 1. Call Mike 467-5011 or 467-5516.

LEASE - GREAT LOCATION, 1600 sq. ft. plus storage, $1,000 mo. 255-8485.

OFFICE SPACE FOR LEASE: BEACHSIDE in OLD TOWN B.S.L. Office/retail, 1500 sq.ft., all or part. Covered patio and small fenced yard. Overlooks bay. (228)467-1644.

WANTING TO RENT WAREHOUSE; 6,000 SF, loading dock & small office preferred, in Southeast Hancock County or Southwest Harrison County. 467-6288, 863-8107.

159 Houses For Sale

GOV'T FORECLOSED homes from pennies on $1. Delinquent tax, Repo's, HUD's. Your area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. B-3930 for current

39 GOOD STREET, B.S.L. - Completely furnished, 3BR/2BA on 2 lots. Dock & boat slip. $125,000. (504)888-5360 or (504)885-0537.

HOUSE FOR SALE: 2BR/1BA, $55,000. Owner finance $5,000 down, no credit check. 463-0723 or 467-4479.

SMALL 1 BR COTTAGE PLUS SLEEPING loft. Cute fuzz pet OK w/pet deposit. $365/mo. plus deposit. Call 463-1951.

SMALL HOUSE FOR SALE. 6 blocks to beach in Clermont Harbor, MS. 228-467-9777.

TWO 3 BD WATERFRONT CAMPS 1-1½ bath; 1-3½ baths, elevator, boat dock,screened porch, carport , sold together. Shoreline Park. $65,000. Owner/Agent, 467-8586.

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BIDDERS

The City of Bay St. Louis invites sealed bids for: THE REMOVAL OF ASBESTOS/TILE and MASTIC (floor glue) FROM AN ABANDONED HOUSE, Bay St. Louis, MS.

Interested bidders may pick up specifications at the City Hall Annex, Building Inspection Department, 300 S. 2nd Street, Bay St. Louis. If you would like to receive a copy of the specifications by fax, fax your request to (228) 467-3905, to the attention of Paula C. Fairconnetue, Clerk of Council.

We will stop receiving bids Monday, June 15, 1998 at 4:00 p.m.

PAULA C. FAIRCONNETUE
CLERK OF COUNCIL
5-17; 5-21-98

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF
CLIFFORD JEROME CARVER
NO. 98-0294

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 30th day of April 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Clifford Jerome Carver, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registered according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This the 1st day of May, A.D., 1998.

Michael Jerome Carver, Executor
5-3; 5-10; 5-17-98

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 98-0092

Notice is hereby given that letters TESTAMENTARY on the estate of BJORN M.W. DAHL, deceased, were granted to the undersigned by the Chancery Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 12 day of March, 1998, and all persons having claim against said estate are hereby notified to present their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have them probated and allowed within ninety days from the date of the first publication of this notice, failure to do so will bar the claim.

This the 6th day of May, 1998.

Linda Dahl Ladner
5/10; 5/17; 5/24/98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
ELIZABETH W. MALO, DIANE WAGNER SPITZKEIT, PATRICIA WAGNER van OOSTEN, CAROLINE WAGNER GRAY and CHARLES A. WAGNER, JR., PLAINTIFFS
VERSUS
UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CHARLES A. WAGNER, deceased, DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
NO. 98-0293

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The unknown heirs at law of CHARLES A. WAGNER, deceased

You have been made a defendant in the suits filed in this court by Elizabeth W. Malo, etal, seeking complaint for declaration of heirship.

You are summoned to appear and defend against this complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 8th day of June, 1998, in the courtroom of the Chancery Court, at the Hancock County courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 29 day of April, 1998.

Seal

Tim Keller
Chancery Clerk of
Hancock County, Mississippi
By: Mandi Ahlers
Dated: 4/29/98
5/3; 5/10; 5/17/98

NO. 98-0241
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
JULIA M. BLAIZE, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX C.T.A.'S
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of April, 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Julia M. Blaize, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 29 day of April, A.D., 1998.

FRANCES L. SPOTORNO,
Administratrix, C.T.A.

GEX & ARTIGUES
Lucien M. Gex, Jr.
700 Highway 90
P.O. Box 47
Waveland, MS 39576-0047
(601)467-5439
MS Bar No. 4809
5/3; 5/10; 5/17/98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
HENRY E. GONZALES, DECEASED
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
NO. 98-0279

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 23 day of April, 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned Executrix upon the estate of Henry E. Gonzales, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of this Court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

THIS 23 day of April, 1998.

YVETTE LOUISE FARNET GONZALES,
Executrix
4/26; 5/3; 5/10; 5/17/98

NO. 98-0241
IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF
REGINA F. BLAIZE, DECEASED
ADMINISTRATRIX C.T.A.'S
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters of Administration having been granted on the 29th day of April, 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Regina F. Blaize, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 29 day of April, A.D., 1998.

FRANCES L. SPOTORNO,
Administratrix, C.T.A.

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5/3; 5/10; 5/17/98

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
HANCOCK COUNTY
Executrix's Notice to Creditors
of Dorothy F. Blaize
Cause No. 98-0292

Letters testamentary having been granted on the 28th day of April, 1998, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Dorothy F. Blaize, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

This 3rd day of May, A.D., 1998.

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5/3; 5/10; 5/17/98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
PAUL N. SECKSO, PLAINTIFF
VS
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, THOMAS BRUCE CAIN, WAYNE H. BENTZ, BARBARA J. BENTZ, AND ANY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS, defendants
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
CIVIL CAUSE NO. 98-0289

TO: (a) Wayne H. Bentz, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if he be dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Wayne H. Bentz, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry; (b) Barbara J. Bentz, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street addresses, is unknown after diligent search and inquiry, and if she be dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Barbara J. Bentz, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry; (c) Thomas Bruce Cain, if alive, who is believed to be a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose last known address, both post office and street addresses, is unknown, after diligent search and inquiry, and if he be dead, the unknown heirs at law or devisees of Thomas Bruce Cain, whose names and addresses, both post office and street addresses, are unknown. After diligent search and inquiry; (d) Any and All Other Persons having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to the hereinafter described land.

The certain tract of parcel of land situated in Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, described as follows: Beginning at a Stake set in the center of Washington Avenue Public Road, at the Southwest corner of a lot of land conveyed by Robert Favre to Bert Weber by deed, dated May 7, 1901, and recorded in Vol. A-1, Pages 24-25 of the Records of Deeds of said County; thence Northerly, along the West line of said Bert Weber lot, 17 rods (280.5 feet) to a stake; thence Westerly on a course parallel with the aforesaid center line of Washington Avenue, 10 rods (165 feet) to a stake; thence Southerly on a course parallel with the aforesaid West line of the Bert Weber lot, 17 rods (280.5 feet) to a stake set on the aforesaid centerline of Washington Avenue, 10 rods (165 feet) to the place of beginning, and containing 1.16 acres, more or less. Being the same land listed on the tax rolls as Tax Parcel Number 139A-0-46-328.000, and being a part of the Guidon Toulme Claim.

You have been made defendants in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Paul N. Seckso, plaintiff, whose address is c/o George H. Lipscomb, Jr., P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

The other defendant in this law suit is the State of Mississippi.

The complaint filed against you has initiated a civil action alleging legal ownership of the above described property and seeking to quiet and confirm title.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the complaint; and in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Plaintiff's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, MS 39521.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1998, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO FILED, MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGEMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

Witness my signature and official seal this 6th day of May, 1998.

(SEAL)

Timothy A. Keller
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: Pamela Cuevas
DEPUTY CLERK

5-10; 5-17; 5-24-98

PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
SIXTEENTH SECTION LAND
RECLASSIFICATION

The Hancock County Board of Education hereby gives notice of the reclassification of the following described parcels of sixteenth section land located in Hancock County, Mississippi in compliance with the requirements of Section 29-3-37, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended.

Beginning in the easterly margin of Miss. 604, said point being 496.3' East from and S27° 28'W 647.6' from the SW corner of the NW ¼ of Section 16, Township 9 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, running thence S52° 33'E 209'; thence S27° 28W 209' to a fence; thence N55° 01'W 209' to Mississippi 604 thence N2° 28'E 218' to the p.o.b. and containing 1.0 acres.

This parcel is presently classified as "Residential Land" and shall be reclassified as "Other."

Any interested parties desiring to object to this classification must submit such objection in writing to the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on or before May 24, 1998.

Terry Randolph
Superintendent of Education
5/10; 5/17; 5/24/98

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
LAURA L. TOUPS EPPERLEY, PLAINTIFF
VERSUS
BRUCE EDWARD EPPERLEY, DEFENDANT
PUBLICATION SUMMONS
NO. 98-0312

TO: Bruce Edward Epperley, a non-resident of the State of Mississippi, whose address, both post office and street address, is unknown to Complainant after diligent search and inquiry.

You have been made Defendant in the lawsuit filed in this Court by Laura L. Toups Epperley, Complainant, whose address is 6110 Maple Drive, Pearlington, Mississippi 39572.

The Complain filed against you has initiated a civil action, alleging that the Complainant should be granted a divorce.

You are required to file with the Clerk of this Court a written answer either admitting or denying each allegation in the Complain; and, in addition, a copy of your written answer should be either mailed or hand delivered to George H. Lipscomb, Jr., Complainant's attorney, whose address is P.O. Box 2114, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521-2114.

YOUR ANSWER MUST BE FILED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS AFTER THE 10TH DAY OF MAY, 1998, WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR ANSWER IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT.

WITNESS my signature and official seal this 7th day of May, 1998.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
BY: L. SCARBOROUGH
DEPUTY CLERK
5/10; 5/17; 5/24/98

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER A PRELIMINARY PLAN FOR WHITE ACRES SUBDIVISION

A public hearing will be held before the Hancock County Planning Commission on Thursday, June 4, 1998 at 5:00 P.M. in the Zoning Office located at 151 Main St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 to consider the preliminary subdivision plan for White Acres Subdivision, a sixteen (16) lot development located on approximately 40 acres of land on Road 534 and lying in the Northwest ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of Section 2, Township 7 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.

Those interested in more information on the above matter may visit the Zoning Office or call at (228) 467-4157 or (228) 466-4727 during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

Willie Gavney
Hancock County
Building Official
5-17-98

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
WEST HARRISON WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT
HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

A public hearing will be held on June 16, 1998 at 7:30 P.M. at the DeLisle Elementary School, located on Vidalia-DeLisle Road south of the intersection of Kiln-DeLisle Road in DeLisle, Mississippi. The public is encouraged to participate with either written or oral comments regarding the Wastewater Facilities Plan for the construction of a new sanitary sewer collection system which will serve the vicinity of DeLisle, Mississippi. This project will be funded in part by the Mississippi State Revolving Fund Loan Program.

The plan presents the most feasible alternatives for providing sewer service to as many customers in the West Harrison Water and Sewer District as is economically feasible. The plan also contains the anticipated monthly user charge. Copies of the Facilities Plan will be available for public review 30 days prior to public hearing at the Pass Christian Public Library located at 111 Hiern Avenue, Pass Christian, Miss. and at the office of Brown & Mitchell, Inc. located at 521 34th Street, Gulfport, Miss.

5-17-98

INVITATION FOR BIDS
FORREST PRODUCTS FOR SALE

Sealed bids will be received by the Hancock County Board of Education, 17034 Highway 603, Kiln, MS 39556, up to and not later than 4:00 p.m., June 8, 1998, for the purchase on a lump sum basis of all pine timber, standing or down, designated for cutting on two sites: Section 16, Township 8 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi on approximately 272 acres estimated to contain 467,886 Board Feet, Doyle Scale, of pine sawtimber and 1388.2 standard cords of pine pulpwood, more or less.

Section 29, Township 8 South, Range 15 West, Hancock County, Mississippi on approximately five acres estimated to contain 18,266 Board Feet, Doyle Scale, of pine sawtimber and 22.0 standard cords of pine pulpwood, more or less.

Before bids are submitted, full information concerning the material for sale, conditions of sale and submission of bids should be obtained from the Mississippi Forestry Commission office, Kiln, Mississippi, 228-255-4665, or the Hancock County Board of Education, 228-255-0376.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Terry Randolph
Superintendent of Education

5-17; 5-24; 5-31-98

Internet 102 seminar set at library

Internet 102 will be held Wednesday, May 20 at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The seminar is cosponsored by Datasync Inc. and the Hancock County Library System.

The seminar is free to anyone who wishes to attend, and participants may be inexperienced or experienced Internet users, to those contemplating getting on the Internet, or to those just curious about the Internet. Attendees may or may not have existing access to the Internet.

Internet 102 will present an introduction to the tools used to access the Internet, including the browser, e-mail, newsreaders, FTP, and how to locate various things and people on the Internet.

Sessions run between two or three hours. Each session is accompanied by hand-out materials.

Datasync is an Internet service provider headquartered in Biloxi! They are the largest Internet access provider in the region, and Arthur Allard, the Internet Man from Datasync, will conduct the sessions.

For information, contact David Woodburn, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Public Library, 467-5282 or Arthur Allard at Datasync Inc. at (601) 435-8888.

Coast Guild to present crafts show

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Craftsmen's Guild announces the presentation of its annual Arts and Crafts Show at the Mississippi Gulf Coast Coliseum in Biloxi.

Show times and dates are Saturday, July 18, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, July 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

All exhibiting members and invited guests will present their juried works for public viewing and sale.

The public is invited to visit the show, and admission is free.

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4 BEDROOM/ 2 BATH Large den and large living room with fireplace, formal dining room, and breakfast room, nice deck with jacuzzi on 3 lots and only 1 monthly fee. (81093)

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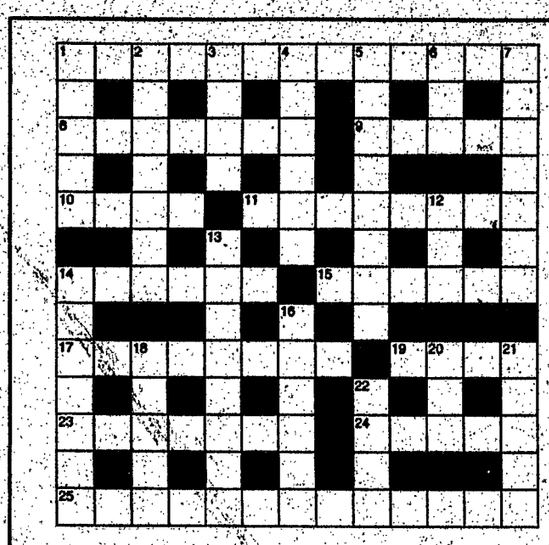

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8. Bullfighters
9. Oarsman
10. Tear down
11. Tranquil
14. Great
15. Girl's name
17. In a frayed way
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23. Bantoid language
24. Mr. Picasso
25. Eating places

CLUES DOWN

1. Asian nation
2. Continent
3. Mediation council
4. Refrained from
5. Kidney beans
6. Pout
7. Lavender soap brand
12. Licenses television stations
13. Dishonest
14. Shade
16. Anomaly
18. Particle
20. Mariner
21. Slag
22. Recess

SOLUTIONS ACROSS

1. Queen of the May
8. Toreros
9. Rower
10. Rase
11. Peaceful
14. Peachy
15. Stacey
17. Raggedly
19. Aged
23. Swahili
24. Pablo
25. Luncheonettes

SOLUTIONS DOWN

1. Qatar
2. Eurasia
3. NLRB
4. Fasted
5. Haricots
6. Mow
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12. FCC
13. Thievish
14. Parasol
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Versailles exhibition attracts 100,000th visitor

The Splendors of Versailles Exhibition, currently on display at the Mississippi Arts Pavilion in Jackson, received its 100,000th visitor last week.

The exhibition, the largest display ever presented outside of France of artworks from the famous French Chateau located just outside of Paris, opened April 1 and runs through Aug. 31.

The 100,000th visitor was Edith Yates of Jackson, who was accompanying her relatives from Wheat Ridge, Colo. on a tour of Jackson when she decided to take them to the exhibition.

200,000 tickets have already been sold or reserved to the exhibition which features paintings, sculpture, tapestries, porcelain, jewelry, furniture, carpets, clocks, a sleigh, musical instruments, torcheres from the Hall of Mirrors and other rare treasures associated with the French kings Louis XIV, Louis XV and Louis XVI, and his ill-fated queen, Marie Antoinette.

Tickets are available by calling TickeMaster toll free at 1-800-409-9959. Tickets are for specific dates and times based on availability. Special rates are available for groups of 20 or more by calling toll free 1-888-255-2552. The exhibition is open daily 9 a.m.-10 p.m. The last admission is at 8 p.m.

Splendors of Versailles has been designated the "Top Event in the U.S. For 1998" by the American Bus Association.

Tracy Lawrence preforms Thursday at Casino Magic

Bright, young country star Tracy Lawrence makes an appearance Thursday, May 21 at 9 p.m. at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Concert tickets are on sale now for $15, $20 and $25 at Casino Magic's Gift Shop and all TicketMaster locations.

Fresh from his 1996 triumph, "Time Marches On," Atlantic recording artist Tracy Lawrence continues to mine country success with his sixth release, "The Coast Is Clear."

With this release, Lawrence began sporting a simpler sound and simpler look. The mustache and long hair are gone, and even his music seems clean-shaven.

The platinum-selling "Time Marches On" was critically applauded for the artistic depth and maturity it revealed. "The Coast Is Clear" takes that process a step further by showcasing a creative breadth that still stays firmly rooted in country soil.

"I really wanted to put more variety on this album," Lawrence said. "You've got middle-of-the-road radio country with "Better Man, Better Off," you've got slick L.A.-pop country with 'Coast Is Clear,' you've got a Southwestern feel with 'How A Cowgirl Says Goodbye,' and you've got hard-core country with 'Hit the Ground Crawlin'."

According to Lawrence, "The Coat Is Clear" is also his most meticulously-crafted album to date. That's a result of more time spent in the studio, and the fact that he approached this project with a clear focus in mind: "To cut something a little bit more progressive with still a strong country thread through all of it."

"The Coast Is Clear" is the latest ornament on a career that has taken this versatile artist to new heights with each successive project. Raised in Foreman, Ark., Lawrence drew from a rich musical heritage that included such Southern rockers like Lynyrd Skynyrd and ZZ Top as well as country traditionalists George Strait and Merle Haggard.

Lawrence earned his performing stripes by touring the area's bars, honky tonks and jamborees when barely old enough to drive.

Though he recalls that circuit as a "tough road" for a young performer, he says it also taught him some valuable lessons about being an entertainer.

Tracy Lawrence

By the time Lawrence hit Nashville, his talent and energy would land him a recording contract just months after arriving in tonw.

His first album, "Sticks And Stones," catapulted Lawrence to the top of the charts, yielding three Number One hits (including the title track) and one Top 10 hit.

When his debut went platinum, it set the tone for the rest of his career. Tracy Lawrence has had three platinum records, one double platinum record (1993's "Abibis") and 15 Number One singles.

In fact, Lawrence has racked up so many critical and professional kudos, it's easy to forget he's still on the junior side of 30.

For information, call 1-800-5-MAGIC-5. Must be at least 21 to attend the concert at Casino Magic.

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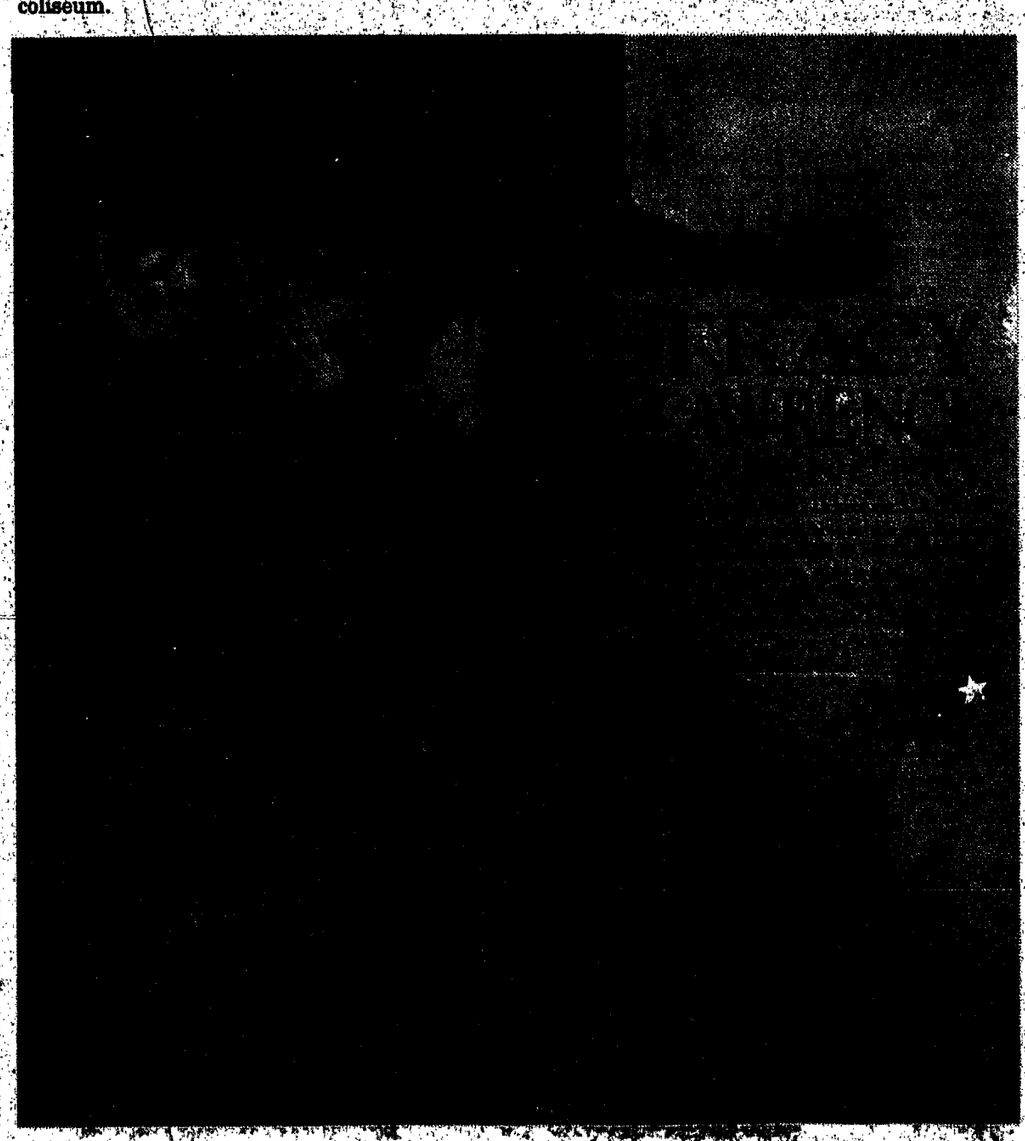
Talent search underway

The 1998 Summer Fair & Music Festival coming to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum June 4-14 provides the perfect showcase opportunities for local/regional bands, dance groups, comedians, magicians, clowns and demonstrations and exhibitions groups like karate, tumbling, sword fighting, etc.

The coliseum is currently accepting entries from talented groups or individuals who would like to have the opportunity to play on one of the fair's big stages.

Selections will be made based on talent and professionalism. Music and talents of all kinds will be scheduled.

Bands and other groups are encouraged to call the coliseum office at 228-388-8010 for details, or bring your materials (tapes, CD's, photos) to the special events coordinator at the coliseum.



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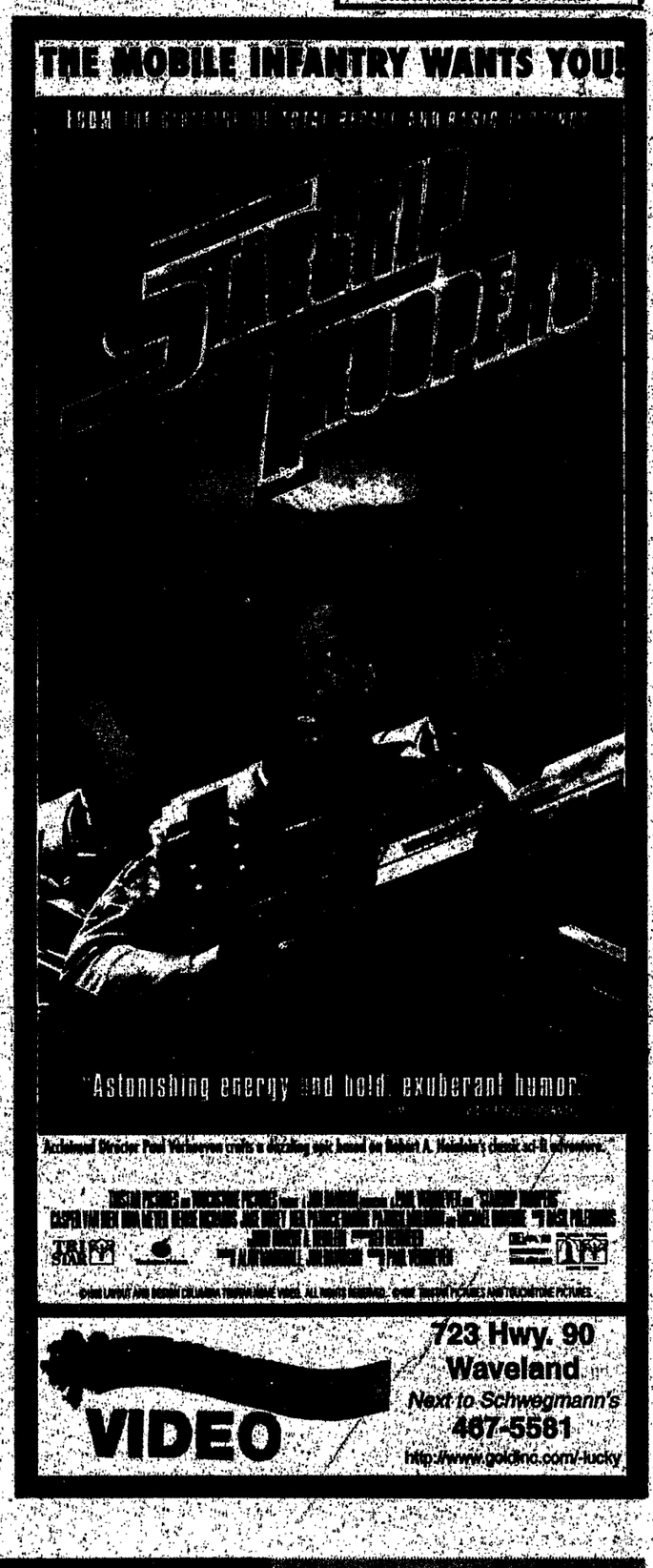

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